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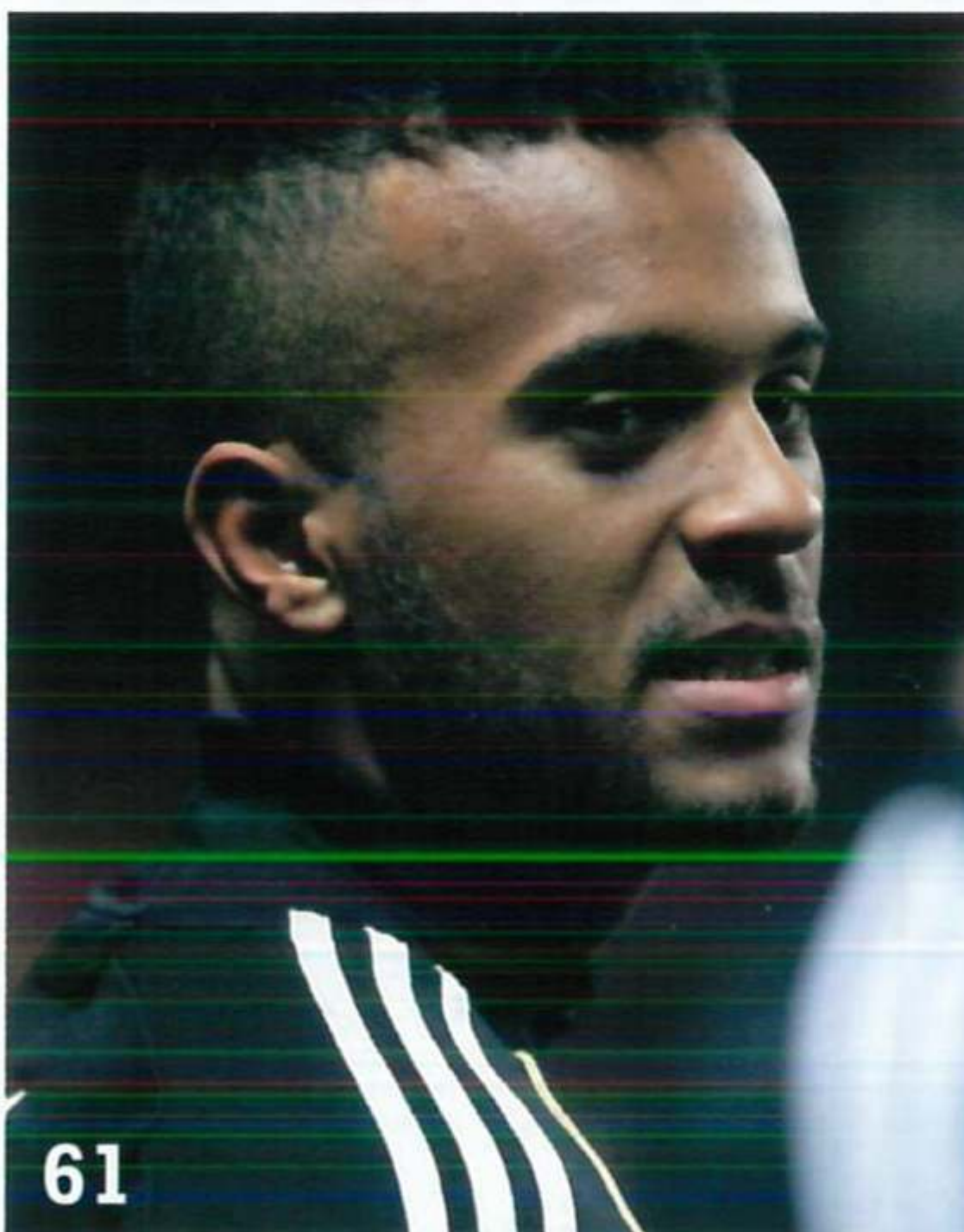
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We are determined to see our dominance in games pay off

Today, we return to league football after two cup games in the last week, looking for a win to build our confidence and help us return to form as we aim to move up the table.

We were hoping for better results against Birmingham and Napoli; if we had taken the chances we made, we could have achieved that. However, in both cases, we are still very much

in the respective ties. We will travel to Birmingham for the replay still as favourites, still as the Premier League side in the fixture and still with the confidence that we can progress again in the FA Cup.

Of course, we would have liked to have won the first game at Stamford Bridge, but we know we cannot afford to make momentary mistakes

like we have done in games where we are otherwise playing well.

In the Champions League tie, we have the home leg to come, in which we hope you can help us to create the right atmosphere to unnerve our opponents. We have an away goal and the knowledge that we are capable of making up the two-goal gap between us. The performance and the atmosphere we produced here against Valencia to qualify from the group stage is testament to what is possible for this club in similar circumstances.

Firstly, however, we must focus on the game in front of us today – and that is what we have been doing since we returned from Naples.

Bolton are in need of a result as well and will be determined and committed this afternoon, something we will need to overcome in order to win the game. With decisiveness in attacking areas and in front of goal, we can turn the dominance we are enjoying in so many games into goals and this will grow our confidence.

Support us, keep believing and sing for the team, because we need our supporters as we look to finish the season with strength and turn the current situation around. We can begin that process with victory here today.

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Belief: The away goal against Napoli means the tie can be turned around



DOLCE & GABBANA



john terry
CAPTAIN'S NOTES



Confidence is key as we enter a crucial period of games

At the moment, we are clearly not playing well and people on the outside have had their say, which hurts us all. You have shown your frustration as supporters – and rightly so – but we are determined to put things right for you, starting with a win today ahead of the international break.

I know what you are all going through, but I promise the tide will turn and, with wins, our confidence will start to grow. Quite simply, the next few weeks will define our

season. The Napoli game was, in the end, disappointing – they looked good going forward, but they also showed signs of being vulnerable at the back. With a couple of results between now and the second leg, we can build confidence and go into that game thinking we can get at them and turn the score around.

Those big Champions League nights are the best and they can bring the best out of us as a team. Hopefully, the second leg of the Napoli tie will go down as one of

the great European nights in Chelsea history.

First, we are concentrating on Bolton, who will see the situation here and come to the Bridge today thinking they can get something.

Owen Coyle will have them up for it – you can be sure of that – but we need to show pride and passion for the club and make sure they leave with nothing.

Obviously, I'm unavailable to play at the moment, but I'd give anything to be involved at this time. During tough times, we all have to stay together as one and the players have to stand up and be counted.

I am disappointed about having to undergo an operation, but, believe me, I tried everything to return quickly. However, I am on the mend now and I hope to be back on the pitch sooner rather than later.

In the meantime, I have full confidence in the team and the manager to get the results we need in the coming weeks.

We know that and we strive to continue building on the history of Chelsea – which means qualifying for the Champions League, pushing for a place at the top of the table and competing for trophies. Let's set about doing that.

Come on the Chels!

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We need to show pride and passion for the club and make sure they leave with nothing



Pride: Every Chelsea player will be determined to take all three points against Bolton today

TORRES TAKES YOUR QUESTIONS

Following his live appearance on Chelsea TV, Fernando Torres then answered more fans' questions via the club's official Twitter feed.

Supporters were invited to send questions for the Spanish striker through @chelseafc, which has more than 600,000 followers. He answered a selection on the Friday Night Live show, but saved some answers for a video recorded especially for the club's online fans.

The questions covered a range of subjects, including the advice he would give to any young hopeful, the song he sang for his initiation at Chelsea and his biggest inspiration in football.

You can see Torres' answers by going to www.chelseafc.com or www.facebook.com/chelseafc.



SPEND A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Young Blues fans will be given the chance to spend the night at the Chelsea Museum for the first time on 31 March.

As well as taking part in fun Blues-themed activities among the exhibits and interactive features, the young supporters will be able to play their own game of five-a-side on a special inflatable pitch and receive a stadium tour.

Children must be aged between five and 10 and be accompanied by an adult of the same gender. You can book up to five tickets, which includes a ticket for a parent or guardian.

Tickets are £40 for children and £15 for adults.

For more details, or to book your place, go to www.chelseafc.com/tours.

Coach to carry torch

Chelsea Foundation coach Yusuf Jimacale is set to be a torchbearer for this year's Olympic Torch Relay after being nominated by Samsung, Chelsea's official club sponsor and official worldwide partner of the London Olympic Games 2012.

The 20-year-old delivers daily coaching classes at primary schools, as well as evening sessions, and made key contributions to the recent World Mental Health Day and Afro-Caribbean Leukaemia Trust events.

"I am so excited to be nominated by Samsung and become one of its torchbearers," said Yusuf, who first came to the club's attention as a

participant in the Kickz programme four years ago. "It will be an honour to join the thousands of other torchbearers, all chosen for their stories which have helped and inspired others within their communities."

To celebrate the nomination, Yusuf came onto the pitch with the Olympic Torch at Chelsea's last Premier League home match against Manchester United. He was joined by corporate marketing director of Samsung UK Andrew Garrihy, head of Samsung London 2012 Olympic office Hoon Kang and head of communications and community affairs at Chelsea FC Emma Wilkinson.



Honour: Corporate marketing director of Samsung UK Andrew Garrihy; Chelsea Foundation coach and Olympic torchbearer Yusuf Jimacale; head of Samsung London 2012 Olympic office Hoon Kang and head of communications and community affairs at Chelsea FC Emma Wilkinson

Canoville in cancer talk

Former Chelsea winger Paul Canoville held a cancer awareness workshop with the Chelsea Foundation as part of a national Government campaign.

Having suffered from cancer in the past, Canoville offered the young audience an insight into his experiences as part of the Department of Health's National Bowel Cancer Awareness Campaign, the first nationwide initiative of its kind in Britain.

"I hope I can help

young people understand just how serious an issue our health can be and how important it is to look after our bodies," said Canoville.

The workshop was held in conjunction with Premier League Health and the Inner North West London Primary Care Trust. It focused on how to spot the symptoms of bowel cancer and what to do if you are worried you might be one of the estimated 107 cases diagnosed every day in the UK.

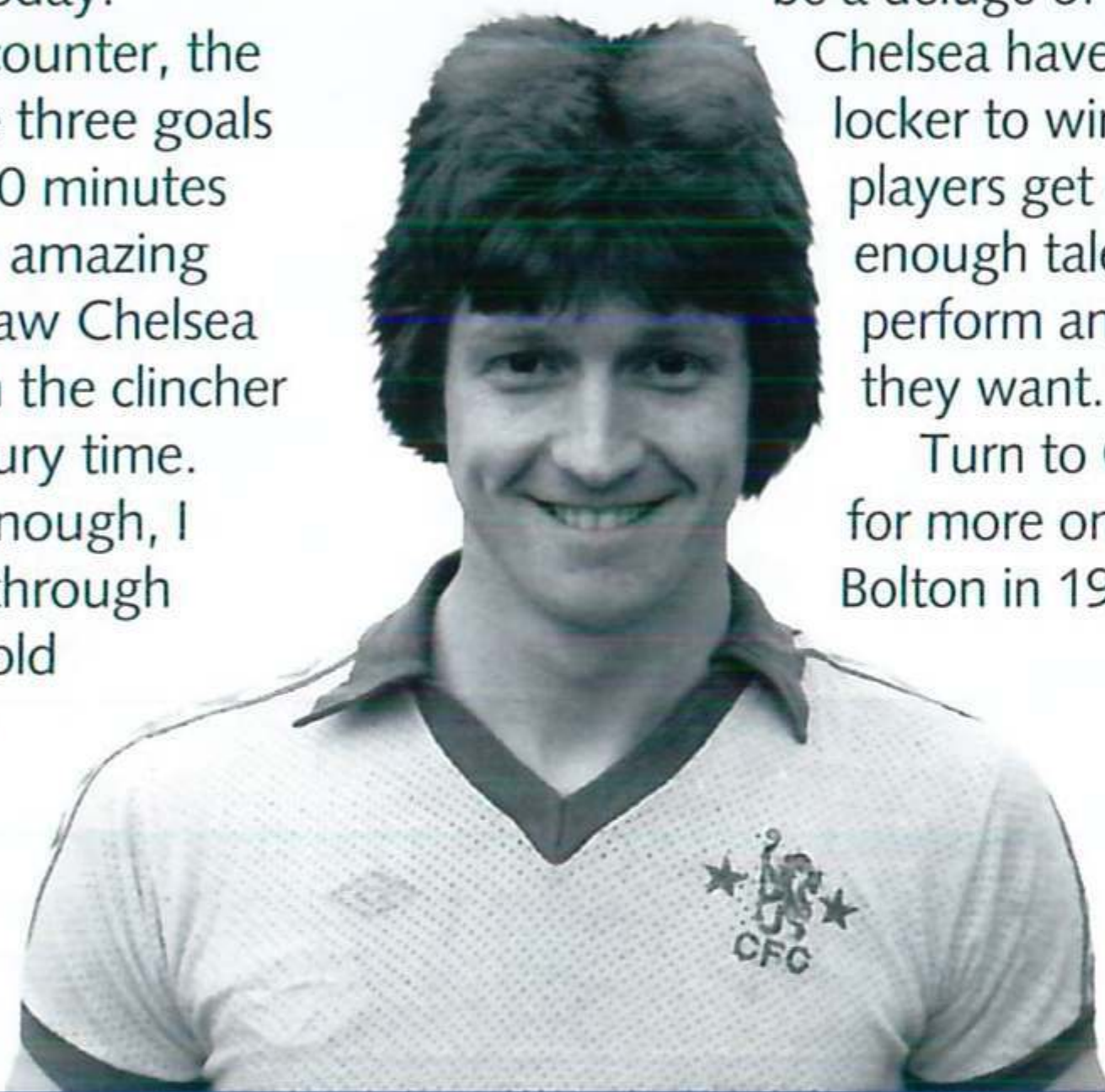


Hero of '78 Swain sees a Chelsea win

The visit of Bolton Wanderers to Stamford Bridge in 1978 resulted in one of Chelsea's greatest comebacks of all time. However, Kenny Swain, the scorer of the Blues' second that day, isn't expecting such a dramatic 90 minutes today.

In that encounter, the Trotters were three goals ahead with 20 minutes to go, but an amazing turnaround saw Chelsea win 4-3, with the clincher arriving in injury time.

"Funnily enough, I was looking through a big box of old photographs when I moved house recently



and found a couple from that game," said Swain. "It was one hell of a comeback and people spoke of it for a few years afterwards.

"I can't see a repeat of that game this time and there probably won't be a deluge of goals. I think

Chelsea have enough in their locker to win and, once the players get out there, there's enough talent and ability to perform and get the result they want."

Turn to CSI on page 54 for more on the game against Bolton in 1978.

Epic match: Kenny Swain scored in a 4-3 thriller against Bolton

Player of the Year event

The Player of the Year Awards 2012 will take place at Stamford Bridge on Thursday 10 May.

Always one of the highlights of the Blues social calendar, the event will see who follows in the footsteps of 2011 winner Petr Cech and receive the majority of fans' votes.

Several other awards will also be handed out on the evening, which is an opportunity for fans to mingle with current and former stars.

Tickets go on sale at 10am on Thursday 1 March and include a drinks reception overlooking the pitch, a three-course meal and complimentary beer, wine and soft drinks. They are priced at £160 plus VAT per person and are expected to sell out fast.

Sterling work: Petr Cech was voted last season's Player of the Year

Tables of 10 or 12 are also available. For more information, please visit www.chelseafc.com/specialevents or put your name on the ticket waiting list by emailing your name, phone number and desired number of tickets to specialevents@chelseafc.com.



JAPANESE JUNIORS IN COBHAM VISIT

As part of a link-up with the Chelsea Foundation, the London Japanese Junior Football Club paid a visit to Cobham to watch the first-team train and meet the Blues players.

The club was formed in 1993 to bring together the capital's young Japanese community and is in the third year of its partnership with the Foundation, which provides weekly two-hour coaching sessions to the various teams.

A total of 18 youngsters, ranging from Under-5s to Under-17s, were invited to the Chelsea training ground. After watching their heroes in action on the training pitch, they were offered advice by the Blues first-teamers, who also signed autographs.



Treat: Youngsters at a training session

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LADIES' 2012 GAMES UNVEILED

The fixtures for the Chelsea Ladies 2012 FA Women's Super League campaign have been announced.

The Blues will open their league campaign against Doncaster Rovers Belles on 8 April and the game will be played at Chelsea's new home for the season, Staines Town's Wheatsheaf Park.

Before that, the Continental Cup begins on 18 March, with Chelsea drawn in Group Two alongside Lincoln Ladies, Liverpool Ladies and Arsenal Ladies.

LADIES FIXTURES 2011/12

Date	Opposition	Comp
March		
Sun 18	Lincoln Ladies	H CC
April		
Mon 9	Doncaster Rovers Belles	H WSL
Sun 22	Liverpool Ladies	H WSL
Sun 29	Arsenal Ladies	A WSL
May		
Sun 6	Bristol Academy	H WSL
Sun 13	Liverpool Ladies	H CC
Sun 20	Everton Ladies	H WSL
Thu 31	Birmingham City Ladies (7.45pm)	A WSL
June		
Sun 10	Arsenal Ladies	A CC
Sun 24	Lincoln Ladies	H WSL
July		
Sun 1	Liverpool Ladies	A WSL
Thu 5	Arsenal Ladies	H WSL
August		
Sun 19	Doncaster Rovers Belles	A WSL
Thu 30	Birmingham City Ladies (7.30pm)	H WSL
September		
Sun 9	Everton Ladies	A WSL
Sun 23	Bristol Academy	A WSL
October		
Sun 7	Lincoln Ladies	H WSL

CC - Continental Cup
WSL - Women's Super League
Fixtures correct at time of going to press.
All games kick off at 2pm unless stated.



New season: Chelsea Ladies' league campaign begins in March

Comeback: The Under-18s beat Nottingham Forest 4-3 in the FA Youth Cup



Young Blues stun Forest

Chelsea's Under-18s will face either Manchester United or Charlton in the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup after staging a dramatic comeback to beat Nottingham Forest on Wednesday.

The young Blues were 3-0 down by half-time at the City Ground, but Adi Viveash's side battled back thanks to a goal from Lucas Piazon and an Islam Feruz brace, before Alex Kiwomya's hit a late winner.

It has certainly been an action-packed Cup campaign for the youth team so far, with the previous two rounds being settled on penalties, and Viveash praised his players.

"It's another great night and this

has been the most unbelievable of them all," he said. "A few harsh words needed to be said at half-time and then, in the second half, we started to win tackles and the goals gave us belief."

This is the third season the Blues have progressed at least this far, having won the competition in 2010 before being eliminated by Manchester United at the semi-final stage last year.

The semi-final will be played over two legs, both of which will be screened live on Chelsea TV. Ticket details will be announced soon at www.chelseafc.com. Turn to page 45 for more Academy news.

Get ready for Cup replay

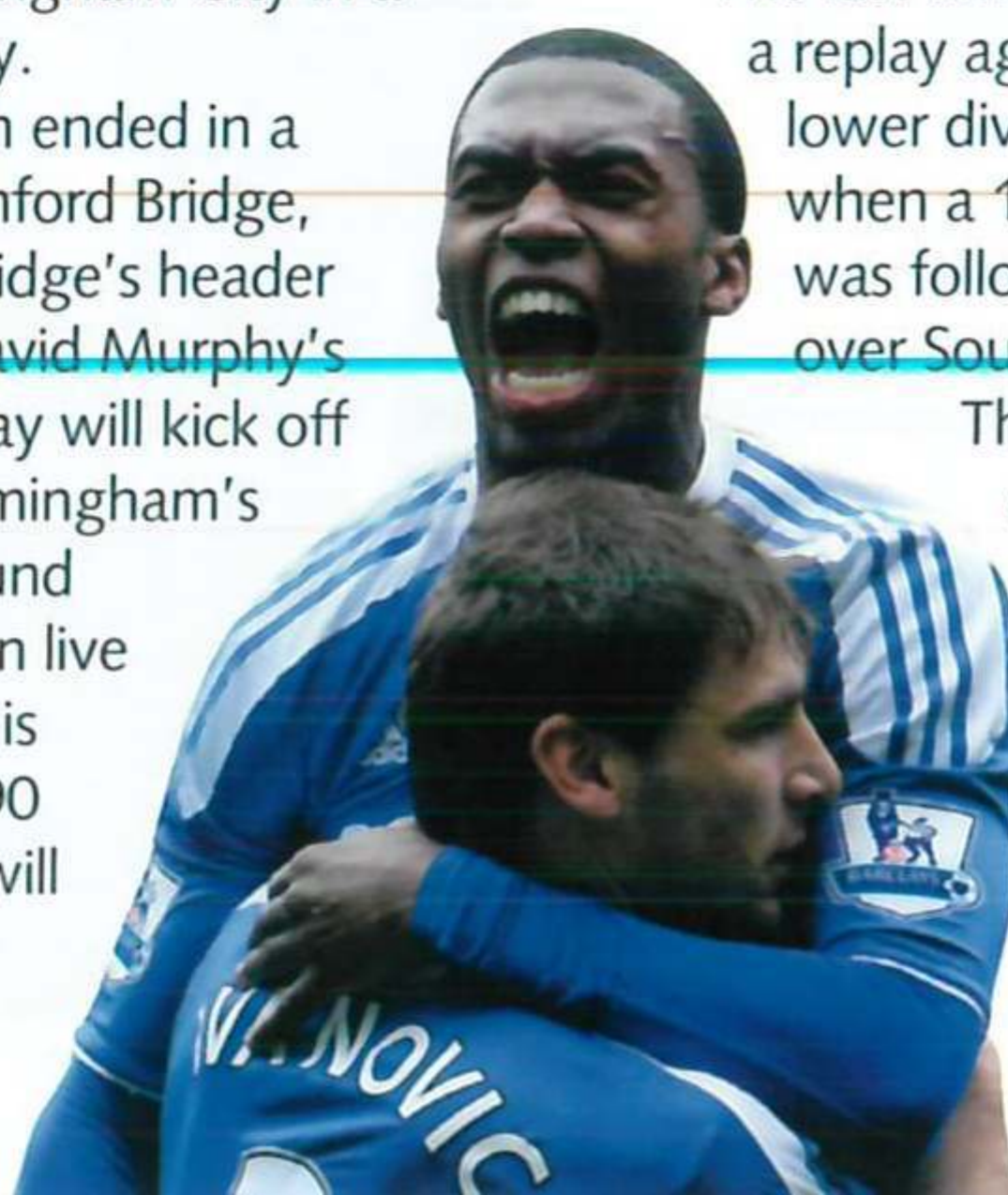
Chelsea's FA Cup campaign will continue on Tuesday 6 March when we take on Birmingham City in a fifth-round replay.

The first match ended in a 1-1 draw at Stamford Bridge, with Daniel Sturridge's header cancelling out David Murphy's opener. The replay will kick off at 7.45pm at Birmingham's St Andrew's ground and will be shown live on ITV1. If there is no winner after 90 minutes, the tie will

go to extra time and will be settled by penalties if necessary.

The last time Chelsea were taken to a replay against opposition from a lower division was in 2007/08, when a 1-1 draw at the Bridge was followed by a 4-1 away win over Southend United.

The winner of the match at St Andrew's will play at home against Leicester City in the quarter-finals on the weekend of 17 and 18 March.



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Blues keen to see the Trotters take nothing home

Chelsea are looking to return to winning ways this afternoon in a fixture where both sides will be intent on collecting all three points for differing reasons.

It has been a frustrating week for the Blues, having been held to a 1-1 draw by Birmingham City in the FA Cup last weekend, while the first leg of our Champions League last-16 tie with Napoli ended in a 3-1 defeat.

However, hopes are still very much alive that progress can be secured in both knockout competitions and, in the meantime, we have two important league fixtures to contend with.

The first of those is against Bolton Wanderers, with a trip to West Brom coming up after the midweek break for international friendlies.

Our visitors today have recently experienced success in this neck of the woods, having left London last

weekend with a morale-boosting victory. The Trotters took on Millwall in the fifth round of the FA Cup and came away with a 2-0 win, securing a quarter-final match against either Stevenage or Tottenham.

The Blues will have to overcome Birmingham in a replay at St Andrew's a week on Tuesday if we are to reach the next stage, where a home tie against Championship side Leicester City awaits.

Although our last top-flight outing ended in defeat, we had gone five games without a Premier League loss prior to the Everton match and there is every reason to be confident that a positive run of results is just around the corner. We have lost only once in our last eight home games in all competitions and collecting three points on our own turf this afternoon is the No1 priority.

Although Bolton currently sit second from bottom in the Premier League, they have picked up four victories on their travels this term – a healthy return in comparison to the sides around them in the table. However, six of their last eight away fixtures in the league have ended in defeat.

It is their home form which has been the biggest letdown, having only won two top-flight matches at the Reebok Stadium. Also, Owen Coyle will be keen to see his players make amends this afternoon after they slipped to a 2-1 defeat at the hands of bottom club Wigan prior to their Cup win over Millwall.

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21.02.12 Napoli 3-1 Chelsea (UCL)

Mata

18.02.12 Chelsea 1-1 Birmingham (FAC)

Sturridge

11.02.12 Everton 2-0 Chelsea

Bolton Wanderers

18.02.12 Millwall 0-2 Bolton (FAC)

Miyaichi, Ngog

11.02.12 Bolton 1-2 Wigan Athletic

M Davies

04.02.12 Norwich City 2-0 Bolton Wanderers



Giving everything:
Both Chelsea and Bolton
know what three points
would mean today

DID YOU KNOW?

● Frank Lampard's next league goal will be his 10th of the season. This would make him the first player ever to notch up double figures in nine successive Premier League seasons. The last two players to achieve it in the old First Division were Alan Smith, for Leicester and Arsenal between 1983 and 1991, and Francis Lee, for Manchester City and Derby between 1967 and 1975.

● Chelsea's next win will be the 2,000th in our history in all competitions.

● The Trotters have only drawn twice in 25 league fixtures this season, fewer than any other side in all four divisions.

● Only three sides have lost more matches at home than Bolton's nine: Championship strugglers Nottingham Forest, as well as Hereford and Dagenham and Redbridge, who are both at the bottom of League Two.

● Bolton have yet to keep back-to-back Premier League clean sheets under Owen Coyle.

● The Trotters are the only top-flight team not to have drawn any of their away Premier League games. They have won 12 points from a possible 36 away from The Reebok this term. 66 per cent of their wins have come away from the Reebok. They have won four at QPR, Wigan, Blackburn and Everton and lost eight at Liverpool, Arsenal, Swansea, West Brom, Tottenham, Fulham, Manchester United and Norwich.

ODDS ON

H/T draw, F/T Chelsea • 3/1
Chelsea win 2-0 • 6/1
Gary Cahill to score first • 16/1
Chelsea win 4-3 • 90/1

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After firing in the goals while on loan to Bolton last season, **Daniel Sturridge** has fond memories of the Trotters. However, all sentimentality will be put aside today as he faces his former club

DAN'S THE MAN

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erhaps more than any other team that will face Chelsea this season, Bolton Wanderers are well aware of the danger posed by Daniel Sturridge.

Not only was the 22-year-old on loan to the North West club for the second half of last season – a spell in which he scored eight goals in 12 appearances – but he was also on target twice as today's visitors were dispatched 5-1 by Chelsea at the Reebok Stadium back in October.

In other words, they may know him well, but such familiarity will prove more cause for Owen's Coyle men to be fearful rather than comfortable.

As for Sturridge, he views this game as vital for both sides as they look for valuable points in the chase for their respective goals. Asked if a good start could make the difference for one team or the other, he is unequivocal.

"Yeah, of course," he responds. "But I think this is going to be one of those games where both teams have a 'never say die' attitude.

"Bolton have got nothing to lose against us as they haven't been getting great results of late. I feel a bit sorry for them because the football the manager emphasises they play is very nice and they have

Potent: Daniel Sturridge
scored eight goals in
12 appearances
for Bolton last term



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I always pay my respect to the people that have helped me along the way and I'll never forget the experience I had there, as well as the friendships I made

been unlucky this season. I hope they don't go down and, if it happens, I'll be gutted. However, today we will obviously be going out there with the mentality to win."

His affection for the club is very apparent and, it has to be said, both Sturridge and Chelsea have clearly benefited from his time at Bolton last season. With 11 goals to his name this term, he is the club's joint-top scorer in all competitions and he has regularly looked dangerous from his position on the right of attack.

You only have to look at the brace he bagged for the Blues at the Reebok in the first of our league encounters this season to see the threat he poses, both inside and outside the box. However, the Birmingham-born attacker tells us that his friends in the North were still on speaking terms with him after his demolition job on them.

"I went into their changing room to talk to them and I was in there for about 25 minutes after the

game, talking with everyone and exchanging shirts," he says. "I always pay my respect to the people that have helped me along the way and I'll never forget the experience I had there, as well as the friendships I made. I am in touch with a few of the players there now and again, to see how they are and how they are getting on."

This afternoon, the Blues will be keen to replicate the display put on that day in the autumn sun. After half an hour, Andre Villas-Boas' side led 4-0, creating chance after chance and taking most of those opportunities with lethal efficiency. Sturridge sees absolutely no reason why we cannot return to that level.

"I think the performance there was very good," he recalls. "We were very attack-minded and that is a good thing. When you're on the front foot, you can dominate the game, and we seem to win those matches. With a team like ours, we want to let off a lot of shots against any opposition and create chances.



Confidence: Sturridge heading home against Birmingham in the FA Cup

Over the last few months, we haven't done that as frequently as we'd like to – but that is something we want to put right."

Even in times of adversity, however, Sturridge is displaying the great variety in his game that makes him such a handful for his markers. His burst to the touchline for an assist against Manchester United was classic wing play – the kind of thing he has shown in abundance in that role throughout the campaign. However, last weekend, with Birmingham leading by a goal in our FA Cup fifth-round tie, the lively forward popped up with a textbook headed goal to force a replay.

"I'm not someone who scores too many headers, but I think I've scored three this season now," he says. "That's good, but I need to continue improving that aspect of my game, have the confidence to go in there, win the ball and be aggressive with it."

Asked if the upturn is the result of working on his

heading in training, he reveals that it has more to do with experience.

"To be honest, I think it is more about having the confidence to do it than working on it as such. I have always been able to head a ball without people next to me but, when you've got people challenging you in the box and they're pushing and shoving you, it's about being more aggressive. So, I am discovering that side of my game nowadays and just knowing I can shrug the defender off and win the ball in the air for myself."

Like anyone his age, then, Sturridge is learning on the job, and that process continued in the Stadio San Paolo on Tuesday night, when he came up against a back three. It is an increasingly familiar set-up in Italy, but one rarely – if ever – seen on these shores in recent years.

"It was new for me," he nods. "I was being doubled up on a lot of the time and that made it a bit different



Handful: Sturridge made plenty of movement around the pitch against Napoli and proved a nuisance for the Italian side

for me to affect the game as much as I would have liked, to come inside and do the things I do.

"Having said that, it was good that I could move around the pitch and get into different positions – go in the hole and find a bit of space, or move over to the left.

"However, I think it's important now that we don't pay too much attention to the formation they play. We know how they line up, we know how they go about their business and we have videos of the way they play and stuff; we just need to go out for the second game and play on their weaknesses."

As Sturridge points out, both cup ties are there for the taking with the right approach mentally and he has nothing in mind but progressing in both competitions and putting this tough spell behind us.

"The mentality in both return matches will be to win," he says, with typical straightforwardness. "We have to win against Napoli and we need to score two

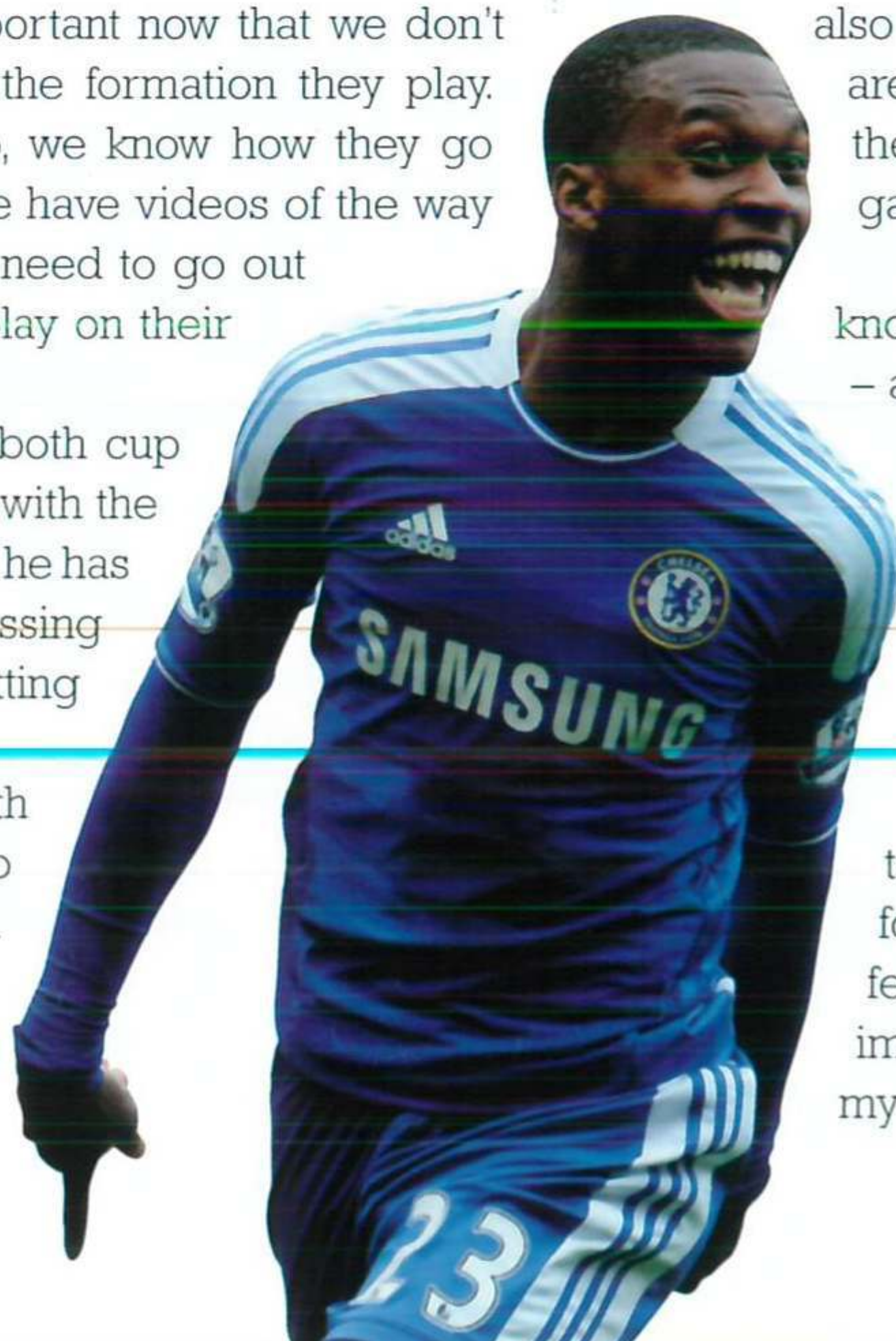
without conceding to ensure the victory. I thought we played some good football at times on Tuesday and we did show flashes of brilliance. But, at the end of the day, we have to look ahead to the next game and not look back at that one.

"We can take some positives, but there were also some negatives that came out of it; we are 3-1 behind and we've got to go out there with a strong mentality in the next game.

"We have a group players here who know we have to go out there and do a job – and it is the same against Birmingham, where we need to go there and win the replay.

"In both instances, we need to go into the games with confidence and show what we're made of on the pitch.

"In big games, you obviously want to show what you're about. I'm looking forward to this game – and the next few – where I can show everyone I'm improving, working very hard and doing my best for the team."





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STAR SPOTTING AT STAMFORD BRIDGE

Stamford Bridge has been living up to the glamorous precedent it set during the Sixties and Seventies, when the ground regularly hosted superstars with links to the fame and fashion of the King's Road.

Taking centre stage off the pitch at our last home league game against Manchester United were Formula One star Mark Webber and Blues fan and television reporter Natalie Pinkham (1). The pair were filming for Sky F1 ahead of the start of the 2012 season, with the first race in Webber's native Australia on 18 March.

"It was a great day," said the Red Bull Racing driver. "I managed to chat to a few players from both teams after the match. They're good blokes and, as always, there were a few rev heads."

The "rev heads" in the Chelsea camp included midfielder Michael Essien, who was a guest of Webber's Red Bull team at the 2010 British Grand Prix (2 & 3).

Also at that game was NFL star Ndamukong Suh of the Detroit Lions (4), who revealed how his love of Chelsea and football stems from some strong family ties to the sport. "I always loved playing soccer, I grew up



in it. My dad played professionally in Europe, so it's in my blood," said Suh, whose sister represents Cameroon at international level. "I don't have a favourite player, it's more just being a fan of the game and the team, seeing how well they play together."

Meanwhile, Hollywood actor Josh Hutcherson sadly did not arrive in London in time to see the game. However, he still made time to stop by at Stamford Bridge for a stadium tour (5) while visiting Europe for the release of his film *Journey 2: The Mysterious Island*.

"I've been a Chelsea supporter for the last eight years, so to be in London for the first time and to actually be here at the stadium is very exciting for me," said the 19-year-old, who has previously seen the Blues play during their tour of America.

"I think walking out of the tunnel was the best bit – that got my heart really racing. To walk through the same tunnel that I see all my idols walking through is pretty incredible."



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Emerson Thome

Ex-Chelsea and Bolton defender

GUEST APPEARANCE

Emerson is really Thome-thing

Words: **Richard Godden**

He may have made only 22 appearances during his time as a Blue, but Emerson Thome was a popular figure at Stamford Bridge with fans and players alike. The Brazilian centre-back, nicknamed "The Wall", was a member of the side which beat Barcelona 3-1 in 2000 before going on to become Sunderland's record signing. He would later play for Bolton Wanderers and currently works as a scout for Everton.

You joined Chelsea just before Christmas in 1999 and promptly wrote your name in the history books of English football by playing in the first "all foreign" starting XI.

It's funny, because I was speaking with some of my colleagues about this only yesterday. We were just

talking about football, as guys do, and this topic came up in the conversation. I think, to be honest, most of the Premier League clubs at that time were hoping we would lose the game! Luckily for us – and myself, because, like with anything, you want the first impression to be good – we won 2-1 against Southampton and I played quite well.

That first impression was certainly maintained – we didn't lose too many games when you were in the team...

I think I was in the team for something like 16 straight matches without a defeat and, destiny is quite a funny thing, because we ended up losing this unbeaten streak at my old club, Sheffield Wednesday. It's unbelievable how football works!

Sheffield Wednesday were doing really badly



Physical: Emerson Thome was known as The Wall for his powerful style



at the time and someone said to me, "Oh, so you wanted to help your old club?" However, it wasn't anything like that. We just couldn't score and they did – that's football.

And, yet, just 10 days earlier, we were beating Barcelona 3-1! Was that your Champions League debut?

Yes. I was on the bench maybe seven times during my time at Chelsea, but that Barcelona game was the only time I got a chance to play. I think that's maybe the highlight of my career.

I always laugh when I think back to the moments before the match because I had a good chat with Rivaldo and I told him not to hit us too hard! I think he had just been chosen as the best player in Europe that season – something like that – and I was very excited to play against him, as well as Luis Figo and Patrick Kluivert.

It was a terrific team, so for us to be able to beat them 3-1 was fantastic. To swap shirts with Rivaldo

at the end of the game was one of the nicest things that happened to me on a football pitch, I've still got it at home.

You were also at Chelsea when John Terry was coming through the ranks. Was it obvious then what a talent he would become?

John was a young lad, but you could see he could be a very good defender. I really like John – he has done ever so well in his career and I'm so pleased for him.

You were at the club when we won the last FA Cup Final at the old Wembley Stadium, but you were cup-tied as the third round was played in December, rather than January. How gutted were you?

It was disgraceful [laughs]! Although, at the end, I received a special medal from the club. The manager, just because of my attitude, took me to every game and he made me feel part of the whole

Unforgettable: Beating Barcelona 3-1 in 2000





Big occasion: Thome playing in the 2004 Carling Cup Final for Bolton against Middlesbrough

thing, even though I couldn't play. It's a shame, as, if I had the chance to go on the pitch just once, I'd be an FA Cup winner for Chelsea.

Then, when we played the Charity Shield later that year, I pulled my quad muscle in pre-season and I couldn't even make it onto the bench. Chelsea won again, so I went to Wembley twice with them and I just couldn't quite touch the pitch!

While at Bolton you got the chance to play in the Carling Cup Final, though. How much did you enjoy your time with the Trotters?

It was great. They had struggled all the way through the last season before I joined them and had just saved themselves from relegation. But they offered me a chance to be back on the big stage and we

did ever so well. We finished eighth in the Premier League, which was a fantastic achievement for Bolton. And, like you said, we reached the Carling Cup Final.

I conceded a penalty in that game – it was only the first or second penalty I conceded in England! What a bad time for it, in front of 75,000 people in the Millennium Stadium.

I played alongside some great players, too: Jay-Jay Okocha; Yuri Djorkaeff; Ivan Campo; Bruno N'Gotty. It was a decent team and we had some top quality players.

How do you see today's game going?

I think Bolton are having a tough time this season, which surprises me, because they got over the shaky period when Sam Allardyce left and started to look established under Owen Coyle; they were looking like the Bolton that I left. So, I expect Chelsea to win and I think that they have a very smart manager in Andre Villas-Boas.

He has the ability to do good things at Chelsea. He did very well at Porto and he has the chance to be a top-class coach in England. I hope he gets the luck back so Chelsea can get a few results together.

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Familiar territory:
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Trotters look to extend their stay in the top flight

Bolton Wanderers are currently enjoying their longest stint in the English top flight since the Sixties. However, with the Trotters languishing in the relegation zone, they have their work cut out if they are to make it 12 consecutive Premier League campaigns.

The club was founded in 1874 as Christ Church FC, changing its name to Bolton Wanderers three years later and becoming one of the founder members of the Football League. Although they have spent more of their existence in the top flight rather than out of it, they have never been crowned champions; their major successes have come in the FA Cup.

In the 1920s, the Trotters were three-time winners of the world's oldest cup competition and added another in 1958, when two Nat Lofthouse goals saw them defeat Manchester United. However, their most famous Cup Final was actually

a defeat, when legendary winger Stanley Matthews inspired Blackpool to a 4-3 victory in 1953. In more recent times, the club have been runners-up in the League Cup on two occasions, in 1995 and 2004.

The late Eddie Hopkinson holds the club record for most appearances, having played 578 times between 1952 and 1970, although fellow goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen is closing in on him, as he has 530 games under his belt.

Lofthouse is the Trotters' all-time leading scorer, with 283 strikes to be added to his two Cup Final goals.

BEST SEASON (1922/23, 1925/26, 1928/29, 1957/58)

FA Cup winners

LAST SEASON

Premier League 14th

FA Cup semi-finals

Carling Cup third round

THE GAFFER

Owen Coyle

Date of birth: 14.07.1966

Nationality: Irish

Appointed: January 2010

Having spent two-and-a-half years as a player with Bolton Wanderers, helping the Trotters achieve Premier League promotion in 1995, Owen Coyle couldn't resist the chance to return as the club's manager in January 2010.

Bolton are the only English side that the Scottish-born Republic of Ireland international represented during a 22-year playing career. The rest of his time was spent north of the border with 12 different clubs.

He has been in management for the best part of a decade now, though, taking on roles with Falkirk and St Johnstone before returning to England with Burnley in 2007.

As well as steering the Clarets to an unlikely League Cup semi-final berth in 2008/09, he oversaw promotion to the Premier League later that season via the play-offs.

However, midway through the following campaign he found the lure of Bolton too much to turn down and joined them in January 2010. Last term, he marked his first full season at the club by leading them to the FA Cup semi-finals.



Decade in
the dugout:
Owen Coyle

THE MAN TO WATCH

16 Mark Davies

MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 18.02.1988

Nationality: English

Mark Davies is "as exciting a midfield talent as you'll find in the Premier League", according to Bolton manager Owen Coyle.

"When Mark is at the top of his game, he drives forward and takes people on," insists the coach. "The best example of that in an English midfielder was Gazza, who I used to love watching.

"Mark has a long way to go to get to that level, but he will be good enough to play for anyone in six months or a year's time. He has a huge career ahead of him."

High praise, indeed, for the young midfielder. Unfortunately, having been handed his debut for Wolves by ex-Blues boss Glenn Hoddle at the age of 17, Davies was only able to display his undoubted talent in sporadic bursts due to a succession of injuries – and it has been a similar story at Bolton.

But moments, such as his fantastic strike against Wigan earlier this month, hint at a bright future for this creative midfielder.





THE MAN WITH PACE

24 David Ngog FORWARD

Date of birth: 01.04.1989 Nationality: French

A late summer signing from Liverpool, the striker has pace in abundance. However, he is yet to fully find his feet in front of goal, with just 11 Premier League goals to his name in three-and-a-half seasons on these shores. The cousin of former Newcastle United defender Jean-Alain Bounsong, Ngog started his career with Paris Saint-Germain.



THE MAN WHO EXCITES

30 Ryo Miyaichi MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 14.12.1992 Nationality: Japanese

A recent loan signing from Arsenal, Miyaichi is a wideman who can play on either flank. He is reliant on his pace to get past his marker, as he showed with some exciting displays while at Feyenoord last term, where he was dubbed "Ryodinho". Netted his first Wanderers goal in their FA Cup win at Millwall.



THE MAN WHO LEADS

19 Nigel Reo-Coker MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 14.05.1984 Nationality: English

Although he is yet to celebrate his 28th birthday, Reo-Coker has captained each of the four clubs he has represented in his career, as well as England's Under-21s. This season, his first with the Trotters, has also seen him find the net in three Premier League ties. A runner-up in the FA Cup with West Ham and the League Cup with Aston Villa.



THE MAN WITH CLASS

7 Chris Eagles MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 19.11.1985 Nationality: English

Owen Coyle knows Eagles well from their time together at Burnley, where the duo achieved promotion to the Premier League. They were reunited in the summer and the former Manchester United man has brought a touch of class to the Trotters' midfield, whether playing out wide or off the striker. Eagles was a Spurs season-ticket holder as a teenager.



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1 Adam Bogdan



GOALKEEPER

Date of birth: 27.09.1987

Nationality: Hungarian

Although the keeper has seen more playing time this term than at any other time in his Bolton career, it has been a difficult campaign on occasions. He conceded five goals at home to the Blues and saw fellow shot-stopper Tim Howard score against him for Everton.

12 Zat Knight



DEFENDER

Date of birth: 02.05.1980

Nationality: English

The 6ft 6in centre back has been a virtual ever-present at the Reebok Stadium since joining from Aston Villa in 2009. The former Fulham man, whose cousin Leon once played in Europe for Chelsea, also has two England caps to his name.

2 Gretar Steinsson



DEFENDER

Date of birth: 09.01.1982

Nationality: Icelandic

Tough right-back who is one of several Icelandic players to have represented Bolton during the Premier League era. Steinsson has been at the Reebok since 2008, when he joined from Alkmaar Zaanstreek, and is, appropriately, sponsored by a tattoo parlour!

18 Sam Ricketts



DEFENDER

Date of birth: 11.10.1981

Nationality: Welsh

The former Hull City man, capped 42 times by Wales, has added solidity to Bolton's backline since returning to the side late in 2011 after almost a year out through injury. His father is former world show jumping champion Derek Ricketts.



31 David Wheater

DEFENDER

Date of birth: 14.02.1987

Nationality: English

The former Middlesbrough centre-back, who joined Bolton just over a year ago, has already missed seven Premier League games this term through suspension after picking up two red cards. While at Boro, he was on the verge of winning a first international cap, as he was twice named among the substitutes for England.

6 Fabrice Muamba

MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 06.04.1988

Nationality: English

Muamba is currently in his fourth season at Bolton, having previously played for Birmingham and Arsenal. Although he only moved to England at the age of 11 after his family fled Zaire, the gritty midfielder pledged his international future to the Three Lions and appeared 33 times for the Under-21s.



21 Darren Pratley



MIDFIELDER

Date of birth: 22.04.1985

Nationality: English

After helping Swansea City to promotion last season, the former Fulham trainee joined Owen Coyle's squad, although he has had to bide his time for regular first-team football. Recently netted his first goal for Bolton, which came against the Swans.

9 Tuncay Sanli



FORWARD

Date of birth: 16.01.1982

Nationality: Turkish

Tuncay has a work-rate that matches his ability. Goals from the former Middlesbrough and Stoke man helped Turkey to the semi-finals of Euro 2008, while he also has a Champions League hat-trick against Manchester United to his name.

17 Ivan Klasnic



FORWARD

Date of birth: 29.01.1980

Nationality: Croatian

After failing to start a Premier League game in his second season with the Trotters, Klasnic began this term in lethal form by racing to seven goals. Although he represents Croatia, Klasnic was born in Germany and established himself with Werder Bremen.

29 Marvin Sordell



FORWARD

Date of birth: 17.02.1991

Nationality: English

The pacy frontman was a deadline-day signing for Bolton from Watford, having hit 15 for the Hornets last season. That earned Sordell a chance with the England Under-21s, for whom he marked his debut against Israel in September with a goal.

BRIDGE BUILD-UP

❖❖❖ CHELSEA v BOLTON WANDERERS

BRIDGE GOALS (SINCE THE START OF THE PREMIER LEAGUE)



28

Drogba (4), Lampard (4), Gudjohnsen (2), Anelka, Ballack, C Cole, Crespo, Duff, Hall, Hasselbaink, Hendry (og), Jasskelainen (og), Kalou, Lee, Malouda, Morris, Newton, Shevchenko, Tiago, Vialli, Zenden



14

K Davies (2), M Taylor (2), Basham, Curcic, Green, Jaidi, N'Gotty, Michalik, Nolan, A O'Brien, Stelios, Terry (og)

DID YOU KNOW?

- Chelsea are hoping to extend our unbeaten run against Bolton in all competitions to 18 matches. We have won the last eight in all competitions.
- Bolton's last victory against the Blues was at Stamford Bridge in December 2003. Claudio Ranieri was manager when Bruno N'Gotty equalised following Hernan Crespo's opener. A last-minute John Terry own goal sent the Trotters home with all three points.
- Bolton went more than 13 hours without scoring a goal against Chelsea at the Reebok Stadium before Dedryck Boyata, pictured left, netted in the Trotters' 5-1 defeat against us in October, a run going back to November 2002 when Henrik Pedersen opened the scoring in a 1-1 draw.
- Former Bolton Wanderers and Chelsea striker Eidur Gudjohnsen once came on as a substitute for his father, Arnor, for Iceland in an international friendly against Estonia. Their hopes of starting a game together for the national team were scuppered soon after, though, as Eidur broke his ankle.
- Chelsea came from 3-0 down to beat Bolton at the Bridge in 1978. Substitute Clive Walker inspired the fightback, with the winning goal coming from the head of Trotters centre-back, and future manager, Sam Allardyce. (Turn to CSI on page 54.)



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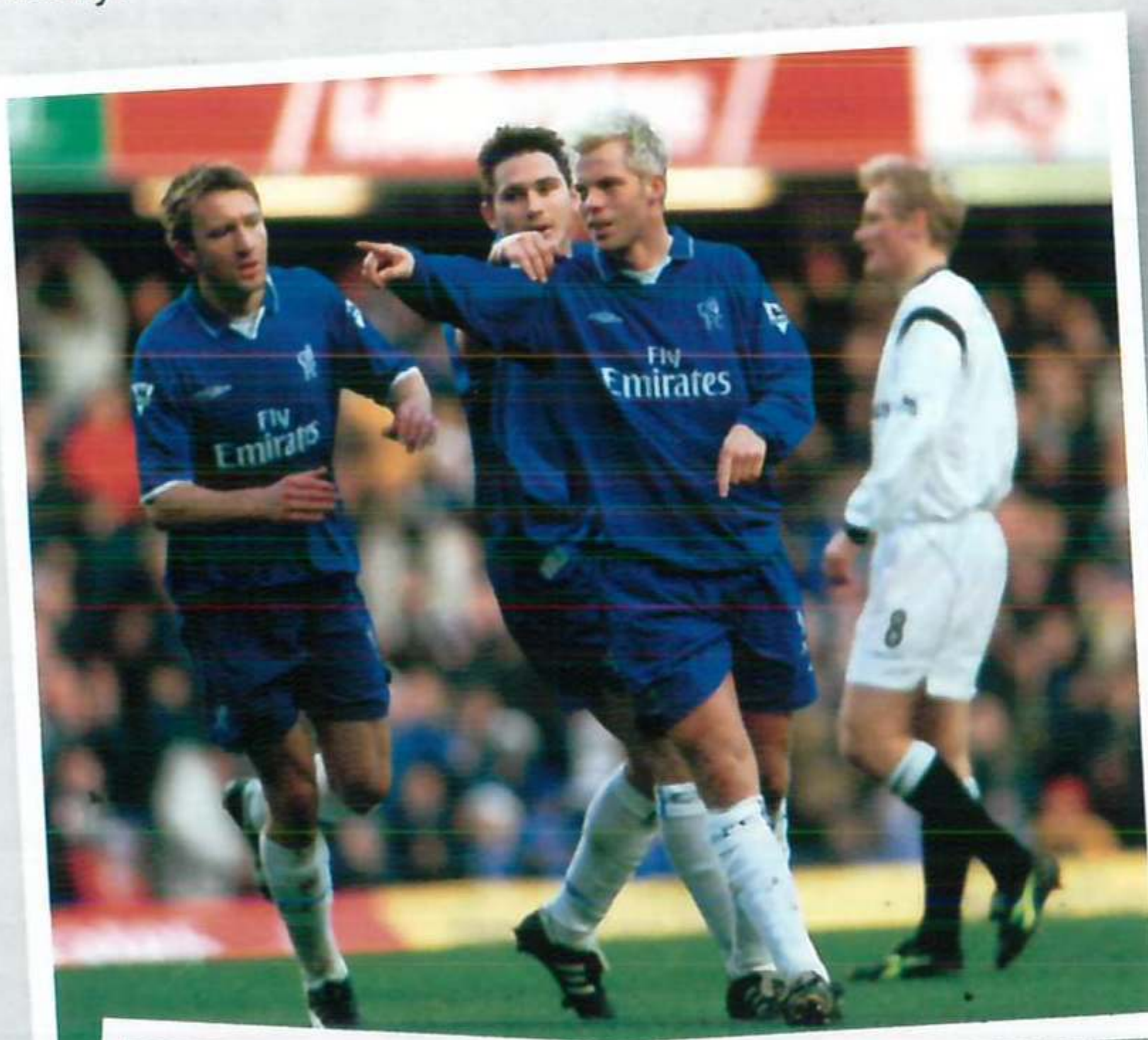
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Chelsea 5 *Gudjohnsen, Hasselbaink, Zenden, Hendry (og), Lampard*
Bolton Wanderers 1 *Nolan*

Chelsea's biggest home victory over Bolton Wanderers came courtesy of a five-star display featuring Frank Lampard's first Premier League goal for the Blues.

The visitors, who had topped the table at the end of August and recorded shock wins over Liverpool and Manchester United, took the lead through Kevin Nolan. However, that was as good as it got for Sam Allardyce's newly-promoted side.

Eidur Gudjohnsen and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, whose strike partnership yielded an incredible 52 goals and 29 assists that season, put us in front by half-time, before three goals after the break ensured a resounding victory.



Rout: Gudjohnsen, above, and Zenden, got on the scoresheet

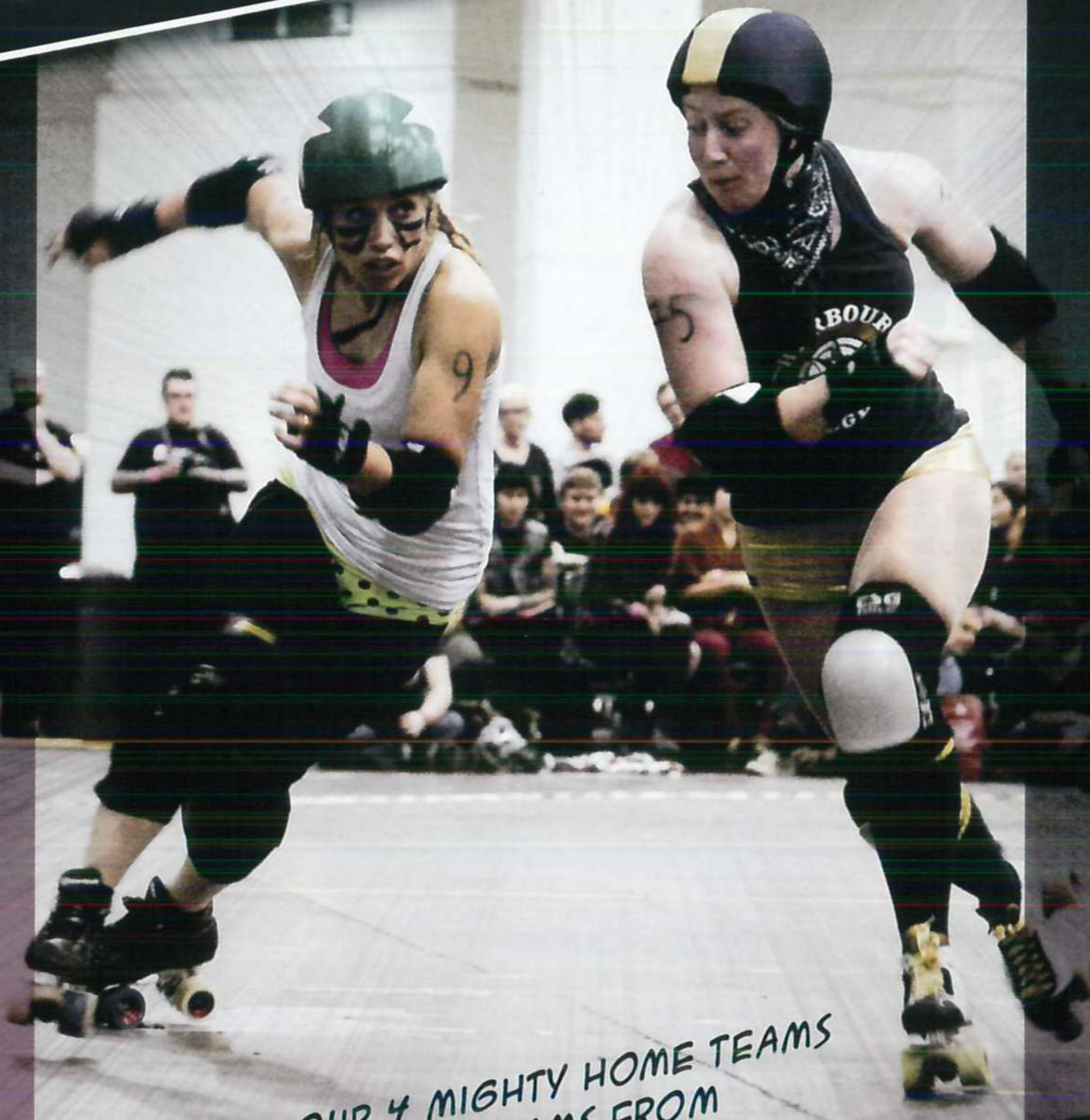
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THE ANALYST



Watch out for Wanderers' attacking threat on the wings

Owen Coyle will once more endeavour to get the best out of his players with a mixture of passion and positivity. For all that he is an attack-minded manager at heart, he will almost certainly start off with a 4-5-1 formation against the Blues.

Having said that, the two wide midfielders Chris Eagles and Martin Petrov, if fit, are attackers first and foremost, so expect them to get forward whenever they can.

The creative positions provide Coyle with his best choices as the

experienced Tuncay Sanli and new boy Ryo Miyaichi are always ready to give different options depending on how the game is going. Loan signings have been vital to Bolton over the past few years and if the Japanese can make half the impact that Daniel Sturridge had on the club, relegation may yet be averted.

The lone striker is likely to be former Liverpool man David Ngog after a recent improvement, not only in his form, but also in his power; a vital attribute in that position. Ivan

Klasnic is another option, of course, as the manager looks for someone to spark a revival that will get them out of the relegation positions.

Chelsea fans will remember the 5-1 win at the Reebok Stadium earlier in the season, but that may well give a false impression on a number of counts. First of all, the return of Sam Ricketts after a lengthy lay-off has made a huge difference at the back. And, while there is no doubt Adam Bogdan had a bad day at the office when he last faced the Blues, anyone who manages to keep Jussi Jaaskelainen out of the team can be no mug.

Bolton have a fight on their hands at the moment and I suspect they are well capable of staying in the division, but it may not be down to any one player or even the squad. It could come down to whether or not the boss can transfer the absolute belief he has in his team to all the individuals concerned.

If anyone can, then I would suggest my old Motherwell team-mate is the man.

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Loan signings have been vital to Bolton over the past few years and if Ryo Miyaichi can make half the impact that Daniel Sturridge had on the club, relegation may yet be averted



junior blues



Happy birthday to **Sean Downey**, who is 13, and 12-year-old **Jack Doyle** have travelled together to the Bridge today from Dublin to see their first Chelsea game. They are here with their dads Emmet and John, who are also Blues fans.



Happy birthday to **Kazuma Tongu**, who turned eight on 21 February. Today is his fifth game at Stamford Bridge and he is always helping Chelsea's popularity grown in his native Japan.



Happy 14th birthday to **Nathan Charge**, with love from mum and dad. Nathan celebrated the occasion on 19 February and his favourite player is Frank Lampard.



Happy birthday **Archie Flynn**, with love from mum, dad and all the family. Archie turned four on 1 February and comes from a Blues family, with his granddad a season-ticket holder at the Bridge.



Patrick McDermott has travelled all the way from Strabane in Northern Ireland to be at today's match with his dad and fellow fan Dicky. The trip to Stamford Bridge is a present after celebrating his birthday on 17 February.



Freddie Farage is nine years old and is watching today's game with his daddy. He is keen to follow in the footsteps of his idol Petr Cech as a goalkeeper and his other favourite players are Didier Drogba, Juan Mata and Fernando Torres.



Cian Rellis has been asking to go to the Bridge since he was very small and the nine year old has got his wish today after travelling to London from Waterford in the Republic of Ireland with his dad, brother and uncle.

TODAY'S MASCOTS



Chelsea
Jack Fry

Jack plays for Regents Park FC and is a dedicated Chelsea fan.



Chelsea
Tom Begg

Tom simply loves sport! He enjoys rugby, basketball and football.



Bolton
Thomas Monk

Thomas loves playing football, computer games and swimming.

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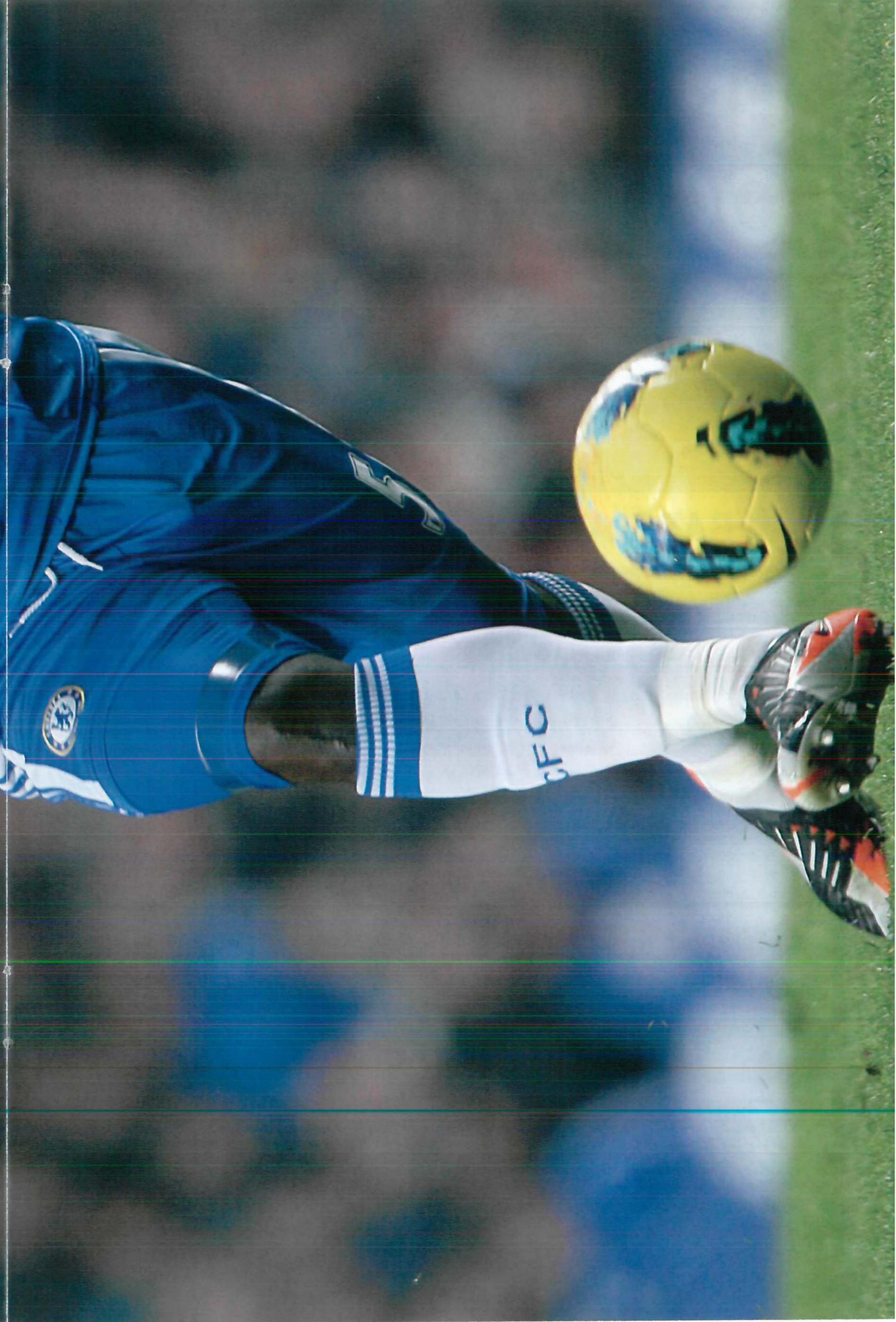
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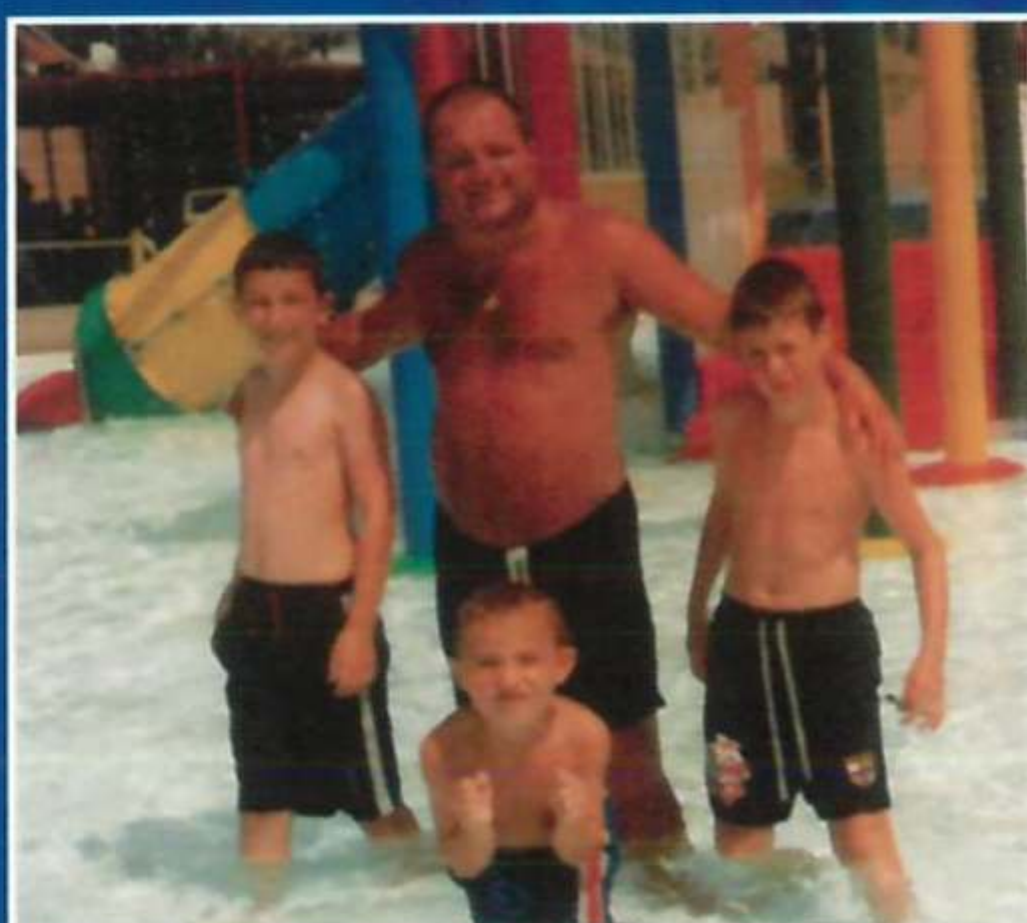


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Stevie notches up 50

Happy birthday to **Stevie Thorn**, who turned 50 on 8 February. Best wishes from all your family and everyone at Eton Wick Football Club.



Dad hits a half-century

Happy 50th birthday to a true Blue dad who has been coming to Chelsea matches at Stamford Bridge since the age of eight. With love from Mary, Tom, Marie, Lee and Charlie.



Tobias Boelter

Tobi was 17 years old when he passed away on 29 January. He was a member of the German Blues supporters' club and came to matches from Hamburg with his dad. Today, there is an empty seat in the West Stand and we will be thinking of you, Tobi. Carefree, wherever you may be.



Taylor-made 21st

Alex Taylor, in the left of the picture, is at today's game as a birthday present after turning 21 on 29 January. Like her mum, Alex has supported Chelsea since the age of three and has stayed loyal, despite being surrounded by Liverpool and Manchester United fans in Warrington.



28 trip is some Feet

Happy 28th birthday to **Mark McFeeters**, love you loads, Vic. Mark is celebrating the occasion at the Bridge today, having made the journey from Belfast to SW6 with his wife.



Kelly, you're a hero

Happy birthday to **Michael Kelly** from all the family. The East Stand season-ticket holder never misses a game and gave his nephews Dominic, aged 15, and Tom, 12, their first Chelsea kits.



Marking another year

Happy birthday to **Mark Sandom** for Monday 27 February. Mark has been an ever-present at Stamford Bridge since his parents took him to a 1-0 win over Coventry City in November 1969, with Charlie Cooke scoring the only goal that day.



Sonny prospects

Roses are red,
Chelsea are Blue,
and I am also very much
in love with you!

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Love always and forever,
Sonny xxxxx

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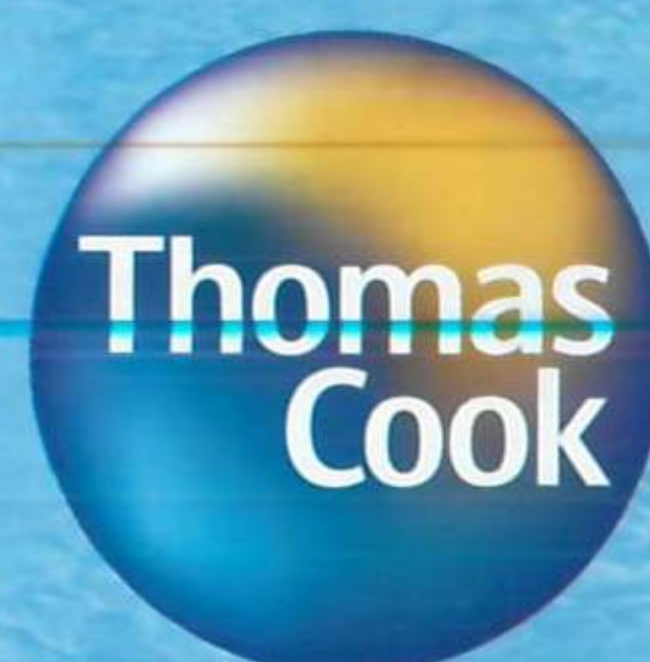
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Chelsea 3

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Fulham 2

Frei, Kasami

On Monday afternoon, the reserves got a really good 3-2 win over our neighbours Fulham at Cobham.

It was an absolutely fantastic performance in terms of team spirit, with boys playing for the shirt. For example, we had James Ashton coming back after a two-year injury lay-off. On top of that, we had Alex Davey and Nortey Nortey – players who are on the fringes of the youth team – involved, but it was important this match went ahead. The players want the games and the boys realised that, if you work as a team, you get your just rewards, securing the win despite being pegged back twice in the game.

We took the lead early through a good goal by Romelu Lukaku. It was a nice finish from close range after a good ball from Billy Clifford, who had also received a great pass from Conor Clifford prior to that.

We then conceded a deflected free-kick just before half-time to go in at 1-1.

However, we started the second half well and scored when Ismail Seremba tapped in a rebound at the far post, following a good header by Patrick Bamford that came back off the woodwork. We work on the wingers getting in at the back post and Seremba did well to do that after a great cross from Aziz Deen-Conteh and the header by Bamford. Deen-Conteh covered so much ground

in the game from left-back – he got up and down the line throughout the 90 minutes and worked really hard, as did the rest of the team.

They equalised again with a good strike, but Bamford immediately won a penalty, which he took himself and scored to clinch the game.

A few of the players showed their versatility, changing position mid-match to accommodate the changes we had to make. We showed footballing intelligence, along with great determination, and we applied ourselves in the right manner to thoroughly deserve the victory against a good Fulham side.

Finally, congratulations to the youth team on reaching the semi-finals of the FA Youth Cup with a thrilling 4-3 win over Nottingham Forest in midweek.

Chelsea (4-3-3):

Russell; Ashton, Davey, Ince, Deen-Conteh (c); Mellis (Nortey 46), B Clifford, C Clifford (Seremba 17 (Kiwomya 71)); Boga, Lukaku, Bamford

Early lead:
Romelu
Lukaku
scored



FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

Date	Opposition	Res
August		
Mon 15	Sunderland	H 3-2
Tue 23	Bolton Wanderers	A 1-0
Tue 30	Blackburn Rovers	H 1-1
September		
Mon 26	Everton	H 3-3
October		
Mon 3	Aston Villa	A 0-1
Mon 17	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H 2-3
Wed 26	Liverpool	A 1-3
November		
Tue 1	West Bromwich Albion	A 0-4
Mon 7	Norwich City	H 3-0
Tue 15	Leeds United (Friendly)	A 1-2
Mon 21	Swansea City	H 1-1
Mon 28	Fulham	A 2-2
December		
Mon 5	Aston Villa	H 2-0
Mon 12	Ipswich Town (Friendly)	H 2-2
Mon 19	Arsenal	A 4-0
January		
Mon 9	West Bromwich Albion	H 2-3
Mon 16	Wycombe Wanderers (Friendly)	H 2-3
Tue 24	Norwich City	A 3-3
Mon 30	Birmingham City (Friendly)	H 0-0
February		
Tue 14	Gillingham (Friendly)	H 5-4
Mon 20	Fulham	H 3-2
March		
Mon 5	Arsenal	H -
Tue 13	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A -
Tue 20	Newcastle United	A -
Wed 28	Swansea City	A -
April		
Tue 10	Wigan Athletic	A -
Mon 23	Manchester United	H -

Chelsea score shown first.

Fixtures correct at time of going to press.

APPEARANCES 2011/12

Competitive games only. Substitute appearances in brackets.

B Clifford 14(1), Djalo (Kaby) 13, Saville 12(3), Kane 12, Lalkovic 11, Chalobah 10, Mellis 10, Taylor 10, C Clifford 9(1), Hutchinson 9, Deen-Conteh 7(2), B Gordon 6(5), Mitrovic 6(4), Lukaku 6, Ince 5(5), Magnay 5(2), Piazon 5, Van Aanholt 4, Bertrand 3, Blackman 2, McEachran 2, Russell 2, Prosenik 1(3), Kiwomya 1(2), Ashton 1, Baker 1, Bamford 1, Boga 1, Davey 1, Essien 1, Kakuta 1, Kalas 1, Phillip 1, Turnbull 1, Walker 1, Nditi 0(3), Ake 0(2), Feruz 0(2), Nortey 0(1), Pappoe 0(1), Seremba 0(1).

GOALS 2011/12

Competitive games only.



Lalkovic 6, Lukaku 5, Chalobah 3, Feruz 2, Kane 2, Mellis 2, Piazon 2, Bamford 1 (pen), Bertrand 1, B Clifford 1, Djalo (Kaby) 1, McEachran 1, Mitrovic 1, Phillip 1, Seremba 1, Van Aanholt 1

BARCLAYS PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE SOUTH 2011/12

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Aston Villa	15	9	4	2	19	31
2 West Brom	15	9	1	5	8	28
3 Arsenal	17	8	4	5	7	28
4 Fulham	15	7	2	6	9	23
5 Chelsea	16	6	5	5	3	23
6 Swansea	15	4	4	7	-12	16
7 Wolverhampton	16	4	4	8	-12	16
8 Norwich	14	1	4	9	-29	7

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Nottingham Forest 3

Morgan, Lascelles, Palmer-Samuels

Chelsea 4

Piazon, Feruz 2, Kiwomya

Chelsea (4-2-3-1):

Blackman; Kane, Chalobah (c), Ake, Nditi; Swift, Baker (A Gordon 89); Mitchell (Nkumu 46), Affane (Kiwomya 73), Piazon; Feruz

We came from three goals down to win 4-3 away to Nottingham Forest in the FA Youth Cup sixth round. It was another great night for us – the most unbelievable of them all.

In the first half, we were dominated in midfield, we were outfought and Forest were first to every ball. They had great drive about them – real belief – and we couldn't cope with it.

At half-time, we were 3-0 down. In that situation, it can go one of two ways, you can either make a game of it or you can get a hiding.

I know my players and I know they will have been disappointed with how

they played in that first half and I told them that.

The three chances we carved out in the first half gave me belief, though. I said we needed a goal in the first 10 minutes and we had scored one within seven through Lucas Piazon. We could have had three before that, as well.

The change to get Archangel Nkumu on at centre-back and push Nathaniel Chalobah into midfield gave us power and we started to win tackles and they were on the back foot. That is what goals do, they give you belief.

The second and third were quality from Islam Feruz, then there was the winner from Alex Kiwomya, who is a great sub to have. His pace is a tremendous threat and he can play out wide or down the middle.

I was also very pleased with the way we switched the play, as that is what we spoke about in the build-up.

You must match the opposition, you can't just turn up in any game and think you can play your football, because at times teams won't let you.

All credit to Forest; they played some great stuff and they will be hurting, because it was a tough night. But I'm proud of my players and they will get great belief from this.



Ecstatic: Alex Kiwomya nets the winner in a 4-3 thriller against Nottingham Forest

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

Date	Opposition	Res
August		
Sat 20	Newcastle United	A 3-4
Sat 27	Crewe Alexandra	H 0-2
September		
Sat 3	Birmingham City	H 6-2
Sat 10	Coventry City	A 2-3
Sat 17	Watford	A 2-2
Sat 24	Ipswich Town	H 3-3
October		
Sat 1	Southampton	A 2-3
Sat 8	Arsenal	H 0-3
Sat 15	Portsmouth	A 2-1
Sun 23	Arsenal (Friendly)	A 0-1
Sat 29	Crystal Palace	H 0-4
November		
Sat 5	West Ham United	A 1-0
Sat 12	Fulham	H 4-2
Sat 19	Charlton Athletic	A 1-0
December		
Sat 3	Norwich City	H 2-0
Sat 10	Portsmouth	H 5-2
Wed 14	Doncaster Rovers (FAYC 3)	H 2-1
Sat 17	Crystal Palace	A 2-1
January		
Sat 7	West Ham United	H 2-3
Wed 11	Norwich City (FAYC 4)	A 0-0*
Tue 17	Fulham	A 1-2
Sat 28	Norwich City	A 1-2
February		
Wed 15	West Ham United (FAYC 5)	H 3-3*
Sat 18	Southampton	H 1-3
Wed 22	Nottingham Forest (FAYC QF)	A 4-3
Sat 25	Arsenal	A -
March		
Sat 3	Tottenham Hotspur	H -
Sat 10	Reading	H -
Sat 17	Bristol City	A -
Sat 24	Charlton Athletic	H -
Sat 31	Aston Villa	H -
April		
Sat 14	Ipswich Town	A -
Sat 21	Cardiff City	A -
Sat 21	FA Youth Cup final 1st leg	- -
May		
Sat 5	FA Youth Cup final 2nd leg	- -
TBA	Man Utd/Charlton (FAYC SF 1)	A -
TBA	Man Utd/Charlton (FAYC SF 2)	H -

(Man Utd v Charlton is being played on 29.02.12)

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*Won on penalties after extra time

APPEARANCES 2011/12

Competitive games only. Substitute appearances in brackets.

Nditi 22, Baker 20, Swift 18(2), Affane 18, Ake 17, A Gordon 15(5), Feruz 15, Loftus-Cheek 13, Beeney 12, Blackman 12, Kane 11, Nkumu 10(7), Howard 9, Seremba 8(10), Davey 8(2), Chalobah 8, Ince 8, Piazon 8, Osmanovic 5(4), Mitchell 5(2), Pappoe 4, Kiwomya 3(11), Houghton 3(2), Prosenik 3, Conroy 2(1), Bangura 1(4), Figueira 1(2), Nortey 1(2), Ashton 1, Deen-Conteh 1, Muleba 1, Saville 1, Gnahore 0(2), G. Cole 0(1), Dabo 0(1).

GOALS 2011/12

Competitive games only.

Feruz 9, Kiwomya 7, Baker 4 (3 pens), Loftus-Cheek 4, Seremba 4, Swift 4, Affane 2, Ake 2, Howard 2 (1 pen), Osmanovic 2, Piazon 2, own goals 2, Chalobah 1, Kane 1, Mitchell 1, Nditi 1, Prosenik 1.

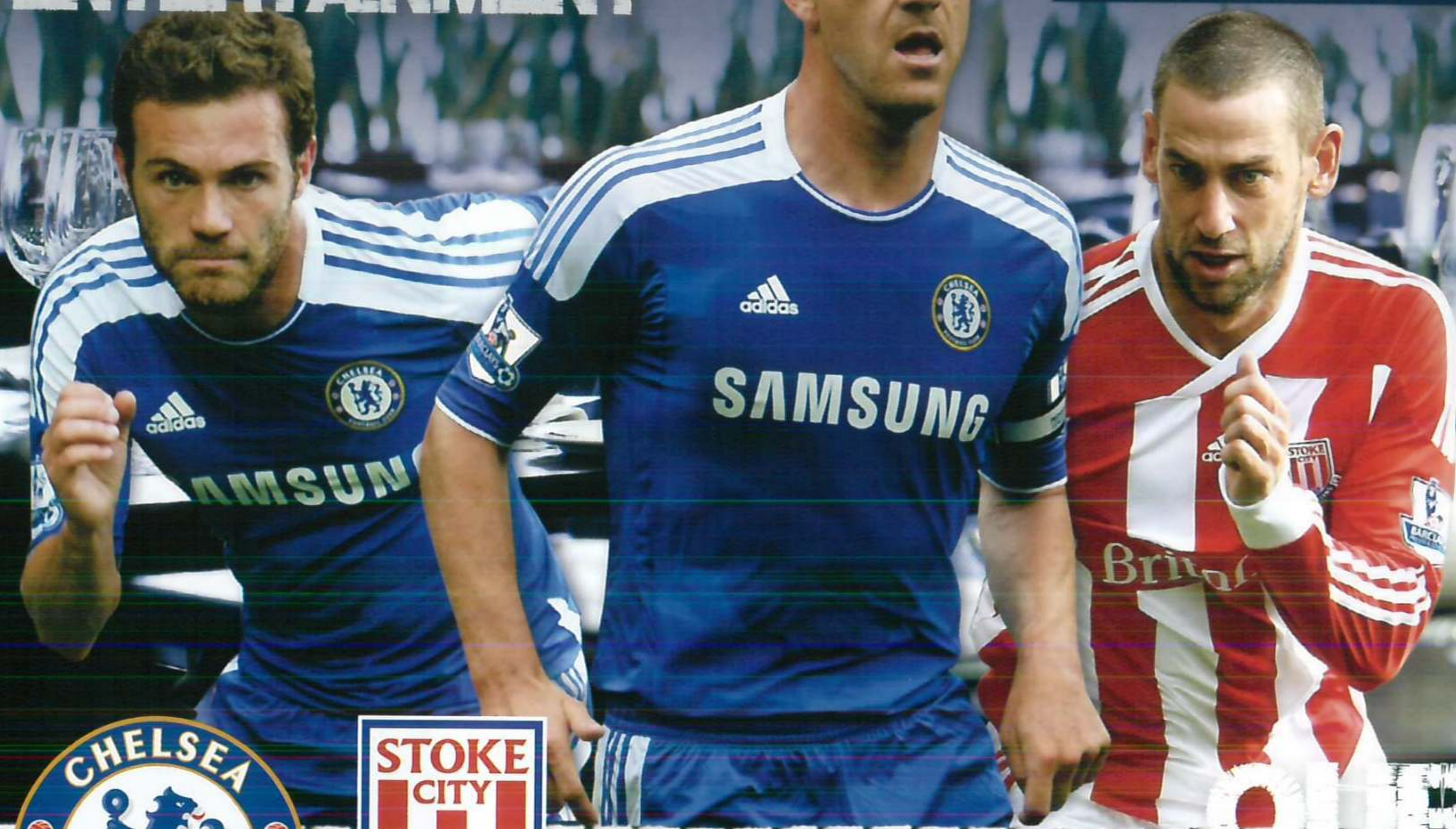
UNDER-18 PREMIER ACADEMY LEAGUE GROUP A

Team	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
1 Arsenal	22	14	2	6	19	44
2 Southampton	21	11	6	4	21	39
3 Fulham	20	13	0	7	16	39
4 West Ham United	22	10	4	8	10	34
5 Crystal Palace	22	10	4	8	3	34
6 Charlton Athletic	18	9	4	5	13	31
7 Norwich City	20	8	3	9	-2	27
8 Chelsea	20	8	2	10	-2	26
9 Portsmouth	21	4	6	11	-18	18
10 Ipswich	20	3	6	11	-15	15

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Coaching kick-starts integration

Coaches from the Chelsea Foundation have teamed up with community and youth leaders in Aldershot to support a team aimed at reducing racial tensions in the area.

Large-scale immigration in Aldershot since the 2009 law giving Gurkhas the right to live in this country has seen the region struggle with a lack of integration between British and Nepalese youngsters, with a resulting rise in tensions and even some cases of violence.

However, the creation of United Rushmoor Football Club hopes to kick-start that integration by bringing the youth of the two communities in Aldershot and Farnborough together through sport.

After hearing about the formation of the new team, Chelsea Foundation coaches immediately offered to help out and last week provided the players with a training session for the first time.

"It's been life-changing," said United Rushmoor chairman Rich Cooper. "The fact that these two groups are on the pitch at the same time is a success, considering where they were with each other a few months ago. It's been a radical change.

"Also, it was brilliant to have the

Chelsea Foundation coaches down. They brought something new to the game and made the players feel really special as well."

With the early success of the club, the organisers are already looking to broaden the scheme in the near future. There are even plans to put together teams to take part in other sports as well, including cricket, tennis and basketball, as well as arranging fishing trips.

"It's a brilliant idea and it's really working," said Chelsea Foundation community coach Shane Hughes.

"The kids enjoyed taking part and it's something we really want to be a part of because it's such a fantastic programme.

"These guys have put their differences aside and are now looking to play as a team in a local league, so it's been really successful."



Participation: Chelsea Foundation coaches assisted at a session with United Rushmoor FC, which helps bring together British and Nepalese youngsters in Aldershot and Farnborough



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Dynamic duo to hit the studio

Next week, Chelsea TV is reuniting two former fans' favourites as Frank Sinclair and Eddie Newton join Jonny Gould in the studio for Friday Night Live.

The defensive duo came through the youth ranks at the club together before going on to play in the first team, with both men memorably scoring important goals for the Blues.

Newton got the second strike in the 1997 FA Cup Final against Middlesbrough to help us clinch our first major silverware in 26 years. The following year, Sinclair was on target as we lifted the League Cup.

The pair will be sharing memories of their time at Chelsea as well as



giving their thoughts ahead trips to face West Brom in the league and Birmingham in the FA Cup replay.

The following Friday, Tony Dorigo will be part of the show hosted by Jason Cundy and Kerry Dixon.

Also, join us for live coverage of a reserves fixture against Arsenal on 5 March. You can watch highlights of every second-string match to see how our youngsters are progressing on Inside the Academy, every Thursday at 6.45pm.

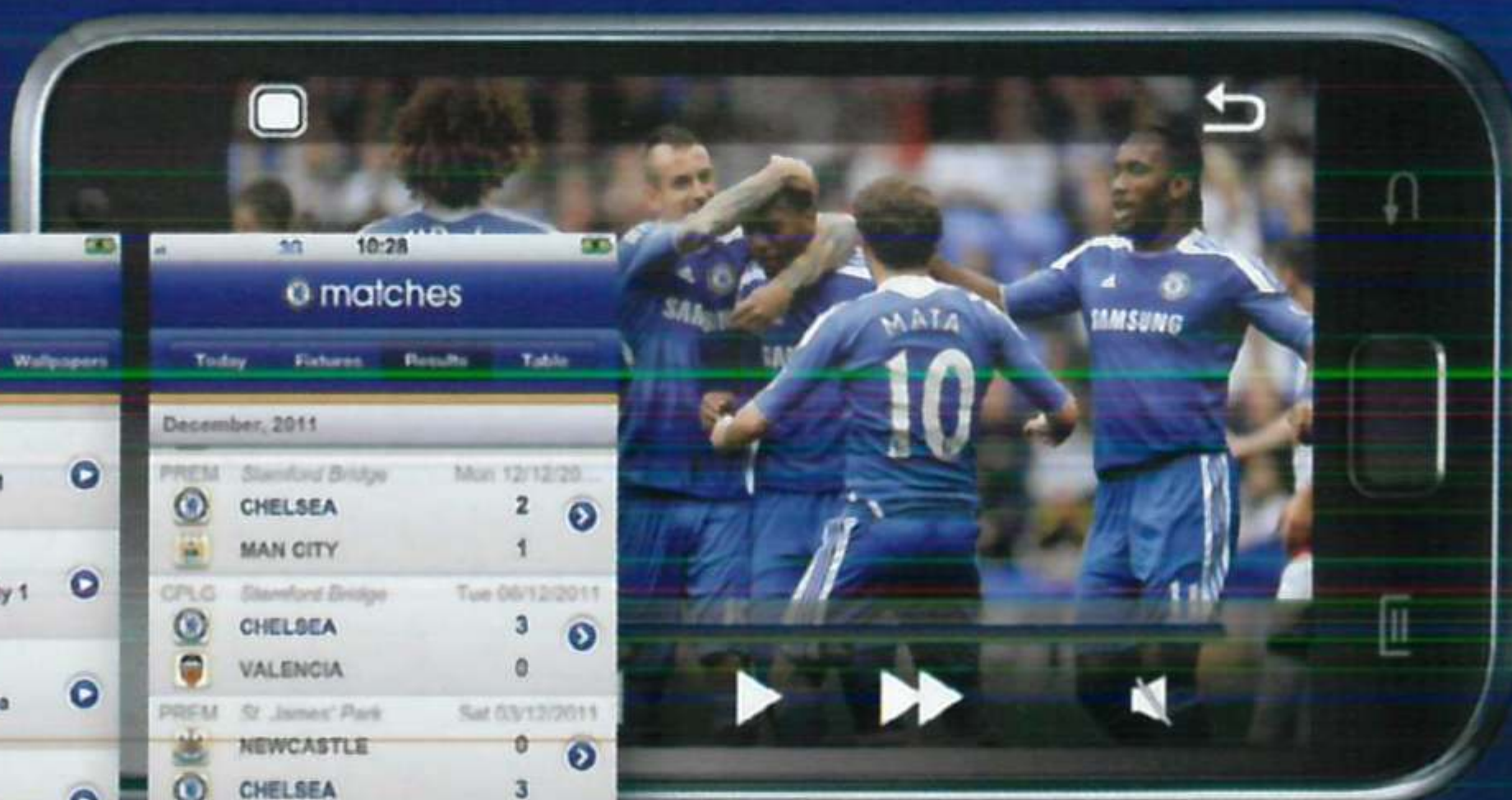
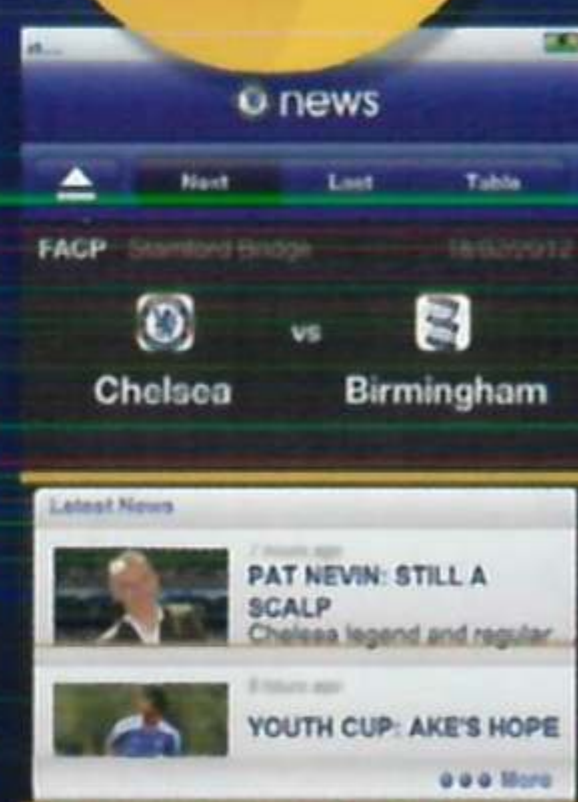
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Glory: Eddie Newton, in the right of the picture, with the FA Cup

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Match Stats



Possession %	49	51
Shots on target	8	6
Shots off target	8	9
Corners	4	4
Offsides	5	4
Fouls	7	19
Yellow cards	1	2
Red cards	0	0

Valuable: Juan Mata
celebrates a crucial away
goal against Napoli



Uefa Champions League
Round of 16, first leg
Stadio San Paolo, 21.02.12

Napoli 3

Lavezzi 37, 64 Cavani 45+1

Chelsea 1

Mata 26

Chelsea will need to overturn a two-goal deficit in the second leg of this Champions League last-16 tie after a 3-1 defeat against Napoli.

In an end-to-end game, the Blues drew first blood after a one-touch passing move resulted in Paolo Cannavaro slicing the ball up in the air, allowing Juan Mata to nonchalantly side-foot the ball beyond Morgan De Sanctis.

However, our advantage was wiped out by the half-time interval, as Ezequiel Lavezzi curled an unstoppable shot past Petr Cech and Edinson Cavani bundled the ball in from close range on the stroke of half-time.

Chelsea started the second half brightly and were looking the most likely side to score next, only for another Lavezzi strike on the counter-attack to find the net. But, with 90 minutes to play at the Bridge, the tie is far from over...

Napoli (3-4-2-1):

De Sanctis; Campagnaro, Cannavaro (c), Aronica; Maggio, Inler, Gargano, Zuniga; Hamsik (Pandev 81), Lavezzi (Dzemali 73); Cavani
Unused subs: Rosati, Grava, Dossena, Fernandez, Britos
Booked: Cavani

Chelsea (4-2-3-1):

Cech; Ivanovic, Cahill, David Luiz, Bosingwa (Cole 11); Ramires, Meireles (Essien 69); Sturridge, Mata, Malouda (Lampard 69); Drogba (c)
Unused subs: Turnbull, Mikel, Kalou, Torres
Booked: Meireles, Cahill

Referee: Carlos Velasco Carballo (Spain)

Att: 52,495

Juan Mata

"We are not dead – I have confidence in this team and we believe in our style of football. It will not be easy for us, but I think we can do it."

actionreplay

Alert: Runs by Ramires caused Birmingham plenty of problems



Match Stats



Possession %	63	37
Shots on target	5	5
Shots off target	7	2
Corners	6	3
Offsides	4	4
Fouls	10	13
Yellow cards	2	1
Red cards	0	0



FA Cup with Budweiser fifth round
Stamford Bridge, 18.02.12

Chelsea 1

Sturridge 61

Birmingham City 1

Murphy 20

Chelsea fought back from a goal down against Birmingham City in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

David Murphy fired home from close range for the Midlands side when a corner kick had been flicked into his path early on. However, Chelsea had a chance to draw level almost immediately when Ramires was brought down in the box. Juan Mata took the penalty, but his powerful drive was deflected onto the post by Colin Doyle.

The visitors were valiantly clinging to their narrow advantage in the face of almost continuous Chelsea pressure, but eventually our good work was rewarded when Branislav Ivanovic crossed for Daniel Sturridge to nod home.

The sides will meet again at St Andrew's for a replay on 6 March and the winners will host Leicester City in the next round.

Chelsea (4-3-3):

Cech (c); Ivanovic, Cahill, David Luiz, Bertrand; Ramires, Mikel (Kalou 57), Meireles; Sturridge, Torres (Drogba 46), Mata (Lampard 82) Unused subs: Hilario, Bosingwa, Essien, Malouda Booked: Cahill, David Luiz

Birmingham City (4-5-1):

Doyle; Carr (c) (Spector 12), Davies, Ibanez, Murphy; Elliott (Burke 82), Mutch, Fahey, Gomis, Redmond; Rooney (Jervis 70) Unused subs: Butland, Caldwell, Asante, Reilly Booked: Mutch

Referee: Martin Atkinson Att: 36,870

Daniel Sturridge

"The goal was important for me personally and we wanted it to push us on to getting the second, but it was unfortunate we didn't do that. We tried our hardest out there to the very end."



Like a bolt from the Blue

It's in our DNA. Who they were makes us who we are today. Every programme, CSI examines rare photos and discovers the stories behind them

Stamford Bridge has witnessed many thrilling games, but few were as heart-stopping and memorable as the otherwise inconsequential affair against Bolton of 14 October 1978, which ended in a dramatic 4-3 victory for the Blues.

The glory days of the early 1970s seemed a distant memory for Chelsea supporters following near bankruptcy, relegation, promotion, and a managerial merry-go-round. Financial difficulties meant the Blues had to rely on talent coming off the youth scheme conveyor belt, with barely a smattering of experienced big-name players in the squad.



1 CROWD CONTROL

At a time of regular hostility between opposing fans, Chelsea paid more towards policing costs than any club in the country before stadium steward numbers increased and the number of matchday Bobbies dwindled.

2 KENNY SWAIN

Versatile and consistent Liverpoolian signed from Wycombe in 1973. Key figure in Chelsea's 1976/77 promotion, before moving to Aston Villa two years later, where he won the European Cup in 1982. Currently in charge of England Under-16s.

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Words: **Rick Glanvill** (Official Historian)

3 MILJAN MILJANIC

Pioneering football coach who attended the game as Chelsea's guest. Multilingual, multiple title-winner with Red Star Belgrade and Real Madrid, where his achievements included back-to-back La Liga titles and a league/cup Double. He also briefly managed Valencia and took charge of Yugoslavia at the 1974 and 1982 World Cups. Miljanic travelled the world studying training methods and playing styles. Died in January this year, aged 81.

4 SAM ALLARDYCE

Dudley-born defender who joined Bolton in 1973, helping them reach Division One in 1978. Made more than 400 appearances for, among others, Sunderland, Coventry and Huddersfield. He also spent time in the NASL in America with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. Later managed the Trotters, among many other clubs, and was four times Premier League Manager of the Month. Currently with West Ham United.

5 RAY LEWINGTON

Childhood friend of Ray Wilkins, for whom he tirelessly fetched and carried as Chelsea's solid defensive midfielder in the mid-to-late 1970s. Following a spell in Canada and with Wimbledon, he moved to Fulham in 1980, where he made close to 200 appearances before switching to Sheffield United and then ending his playing days back at Craven Cottage. Has since taken on a number of coaching roles with the Cottagers, as well as Crystal Palace, Brentford and Watford.



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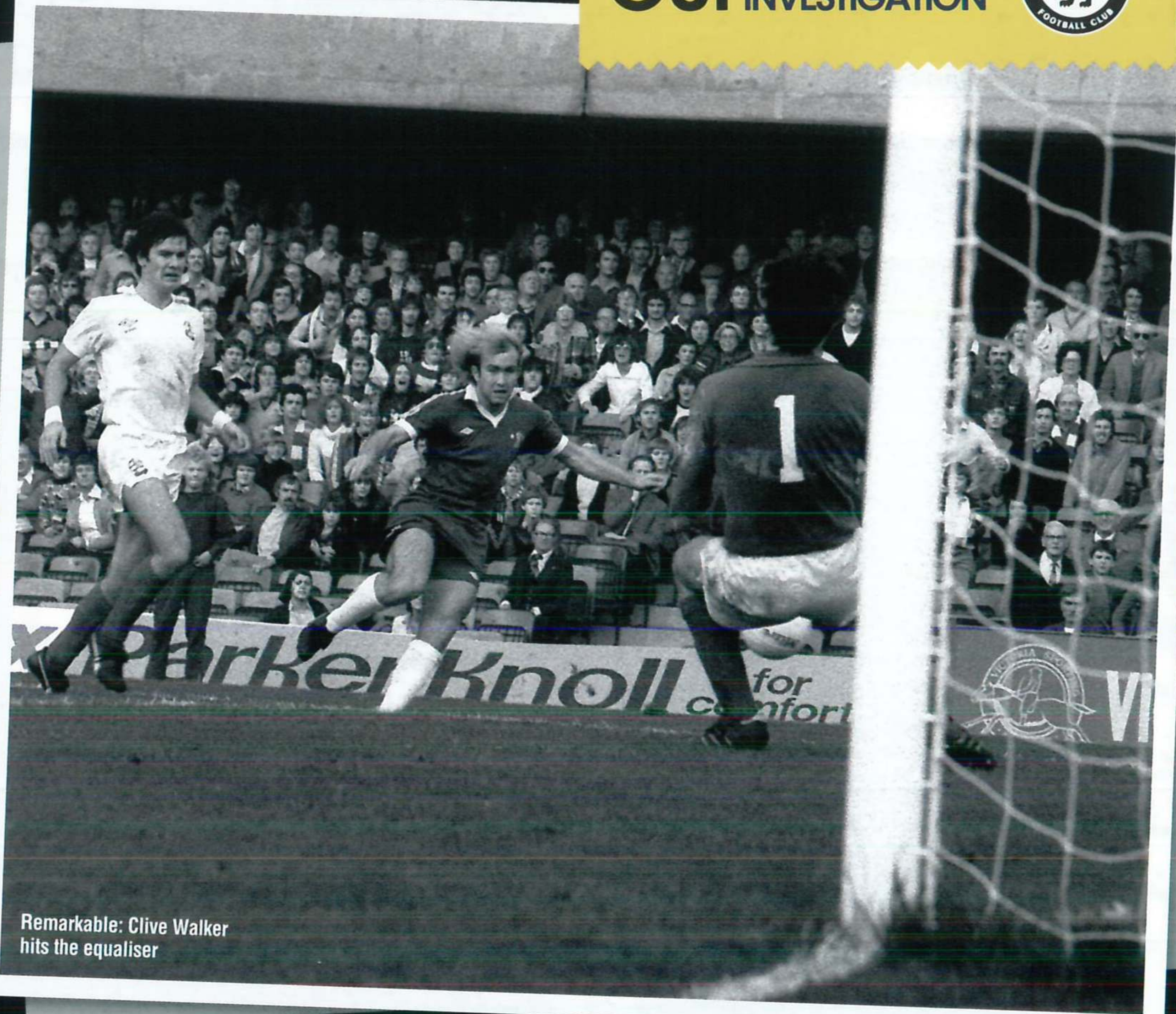


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Remarkable: Clive Walker hits the equaliser

The principle of promoting from within would also apply at coaching level. No one knew the youngsters better than Ken Shellito. In his 24-year association with the club, he had been a youth-team player, first-team star and, most recently, youth-team manager, nurturing the likes of Ray Wilkins, Ray Lewington, Steve Wicks, and Tommy Langley.

Yet, Shellito – who had joined Chelsea's ground staff the same day as Jimmy Greaves in 1955 – knew when he accepted the manager's job in July 1977 that the quantity of youngsters was not always matched with quality.

Ron Harris was the only man of experience to play anything approaching a full season. Over the course of a campaign that ended in relegation, 31 players were called into action. Many were simply not good enough for the top flight.

Although it was only October, the Blues already looked in peril and the board looked for outside help. Seasoned former Red Star Belgrade and Real Madrid coach Miljan Miljanic was handed a 10-day watching brief, which included the visit of Bolton.

He was being courted by chairman Brian Mears to become advisor to the 38-year-old Ken Shellito.

Effectively, the Macedonian was lined up to become the club's first continental-style technical director.

The size of the task at hand was soon evident in this game. Bolton extracted the full measure of punishment for every error made by a home side lacking confidence under a novice manager.

First, Wanderers' Alan Gowling was allowed too much room to open the scoring, then Ron Harris felled the tricky Frank Worthington to concede a penalty that the striker dispatched himself.

The two Trotters combined to allow Gowling to score a third past Chelsea goalie Bob Iles (in for John Phillips, who was ill) before the first half was out.

At half-time, it seemed inevitable that a fifth successive home defeat would drearily unfold. After the depressing 3-1 surrender to West Brom a few weeks earlier, Shellito had raged at his players, vowing: "If they don't want to play for this club, I'll sell the lot and buy players who do."

Now, more measured in his team talk, the East Ender warned his players that, although low on confidence, they needed to take some responsibility. Chelsea had created chances, he reminded them, but failed to convert them into goals.



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Unforgettable: Sam Allardyce turns the ball into his own net to put Chelsea in front, main, and Miljan Miljanic, inset



Sitting in the East Stand, Miljanic perhaps mused that, rather than a notepad, he should have brought along a magic wand. In contrast, Bolton returned to the field confidently and looked under no threat for 20 minutes.

Still cruising at 3-0 by the midway point, they had started to casually pass the ball around the back, Liverpool-style, to see out the final quarter of the match.

Shellito needed to wrest the initiative from them and did so, bringing the talismanic Clive Walker – who was still in his early 20s – off the bench for Garry Stanley on 70 minutes. The aim was to trouble the Trotters' back line with the youngster's pace and trickery. The switch was, Miljanic told the press afterwards, "the move of the month".

Within a minute, the winger made his first impact, racing down the left touchline to fire over the perfect cross for centre-forward Tommy Langley. He had been stifled three times in the game's opening moments, but finally saw the net billow.

Another 12 minutes elapsed before a suddenly galvanised young side struck again. This time, attacking midfielder Kenny Swain opportunistically putting a loose ball past stunned keeper Jim McDonagh. Belatedly,

Bolton wised up to the possibility that they might surrender a point, if not both. But, with Walker reducing right-back Paul Jones to a wreck, the momentum had shifted inexorably in favour of the Blues.

Then, with three minutes of normal time remaining, when the winger tore inside and unleashed a snorting shot past McDonagh for the equaliser, the crowd exploded in a mixture of relief and disbelief.

Extraordinarily, there was still more to come. To confirm the biggest capitulation ever seen at Stamford Bridge, centre-back Sam Allardyce attempted to clear another fizzing Walker cross, but only succeeded in hitting his own net. It was a fittingly extraordinary winner.

Bolton manager Ian Greaves felt wounded afterwards.

"It was like being bombed in the war," he said.

Of Walker's two assists and one goal, Miljanic could only marvel that he "altered the game completely". The former Real Madrid man added: "He was so quick and dangerous."

Sadly, the Macedonian – who died earlier this year – never did join the Stamford Bridge coaching staff.

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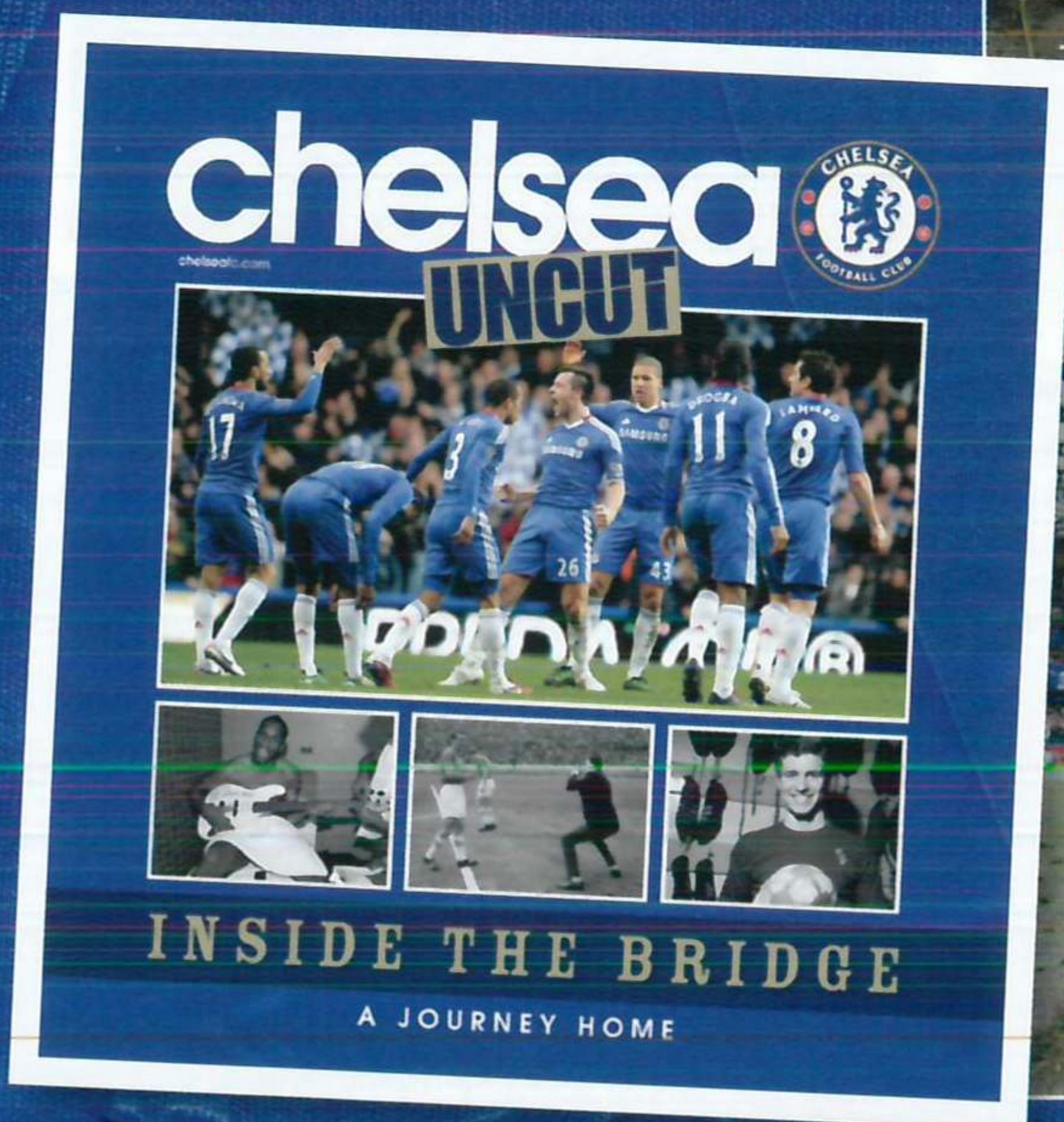
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LET'S TALK ABOUT...



Ryan Bertrand on taking opportunities when they present themselves, how to utilise your experiences when on loan and how the competition for places in the first team can only be of benefit to Chelsea



34 RYAN BERTRAND

Interview: **James Sugrue**

...Birmingham

RB We're still in the FA Cup after a 1-1 draw, even if we need to win the replay. I think it was a sloppy goal to concede when we went behind, but, other than that, Birmingham didn't threaten us much and we created a few chances.

We got the first penalty, which Juan Mata was unlucky not to score from, and we could perhaps have had a couple more penalties as well. However, we came back, got the draw in the end and, I think, we were unlucky not to get the win on the day as well.

I'm confident we'll get the result we want at their place in the replay.

...Magic of the Cup

RB I definitely don't think the magic is going from the FA Cup. It's also now a

good chance to use your squad, because everyone wants to win everything, so that can help you compete in three competitions, like we are now.

Medals are hard to come by in football, so we all want to take every

chance to win one. If you went into our changing room after the Birmingham game and saw the disappointment on all the players' faces, even though we weren't knocked out, you'd know how much we all care about the competition.



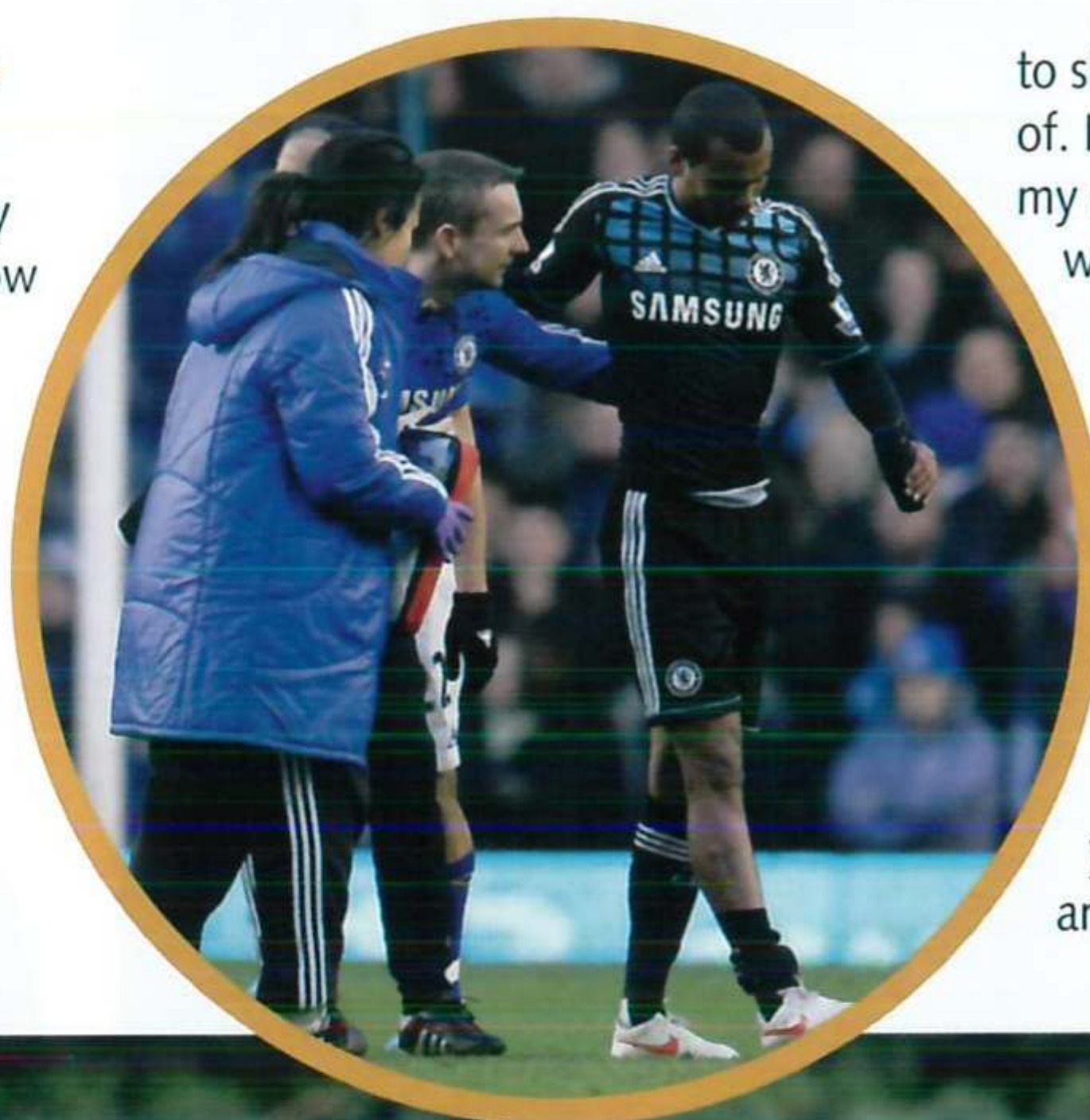
Determined: Ryan Bertrand wants to progress past Birmingham in the FA Cup

“

At this stage of my career, any game when I'm playing for the first team will be a big match for me and a chance to show what I can do

...Waiting for your chance

RB You know, it often takes an injury to someone else to get a chance to show what you can do in the first team. That means you have mixed feelings when it does happen, like recently with Ash. But, I just have to take every game as it comes. At this stage of my career, any game when I'm playing for the first team will be a big match for me and a chance to show what I can do. So, it's important that I take every game as it comes and try

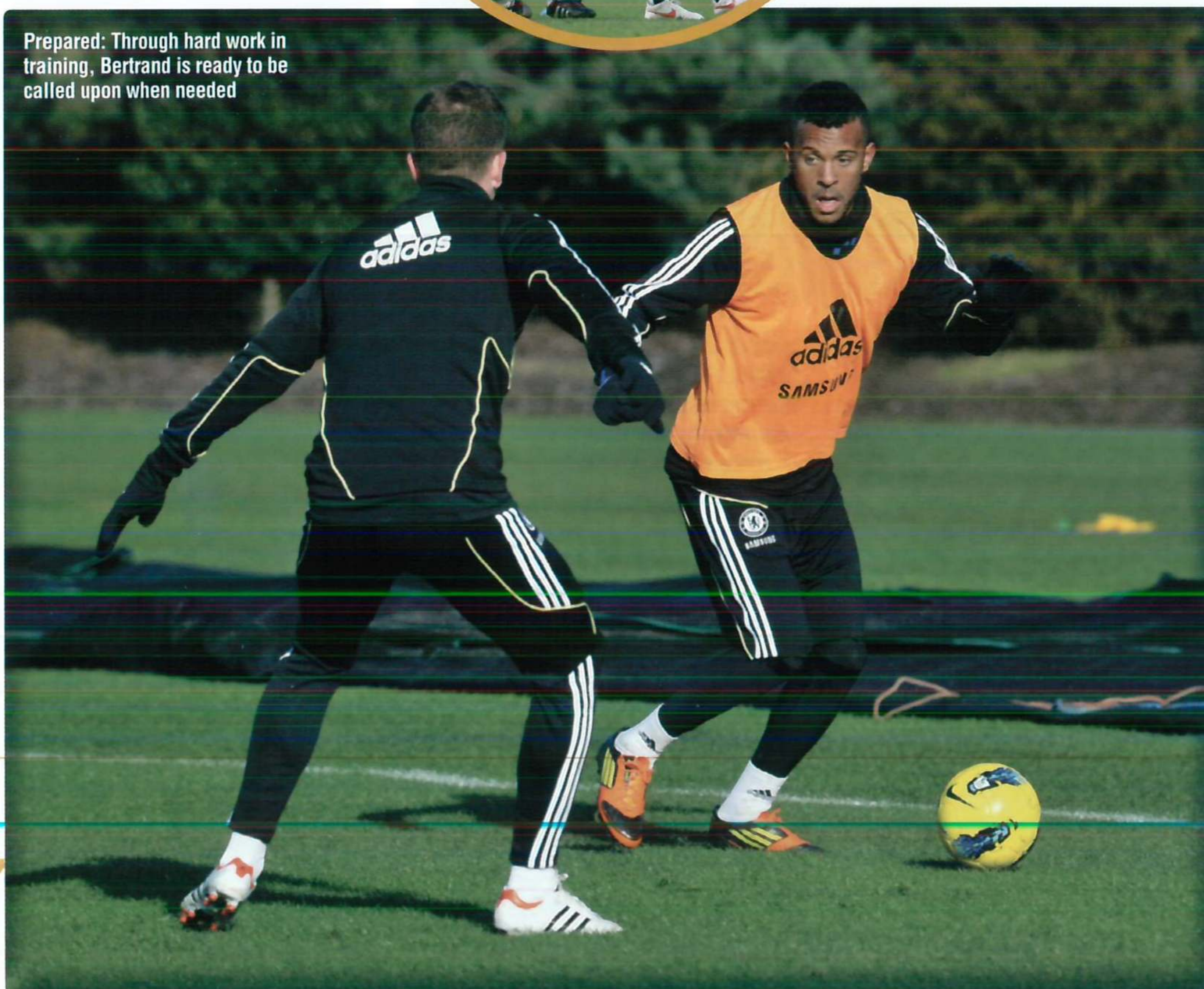


to show the manager what I'm capable of. I just need to stay patient, wait for my chances and make the most of them when they come.

...Being ready

RB When your chance in the first team does arrive, it can be very sudden – like it was when Ash got injured against Everton. Some weeks you can be wondering when your opportunity is going to come and, then, before you know it, it all

Prepared: Through hard work in training, Bertrand is ready to be called upon when needed



Big week: Today is the third game in a week, after Birmingham and Napoli



“

There's a lot of competition for places all across the team at the moment and you could see that in the defence against Birmingham

happens and you have to be ready to play at your best straight away.

It's quite a hard position to be in, but, hopefully, I can keep playing well when the chance is there to show my ability.

...Competition for places

RB There's a lot of competition for places all across the team at the moment and you could see that in the defence against Birmingham.

With JT and Ash both injured, we still had a strong team plus experienced internationals, like José Bosingwa and Paulo Ferreira, who weren't in the starting line-up. That's what it's going to be like from now until the end of the season. We've nearly got everyone back to full

fitness, so the competition for places will be good – and that can only mean good things for the team.

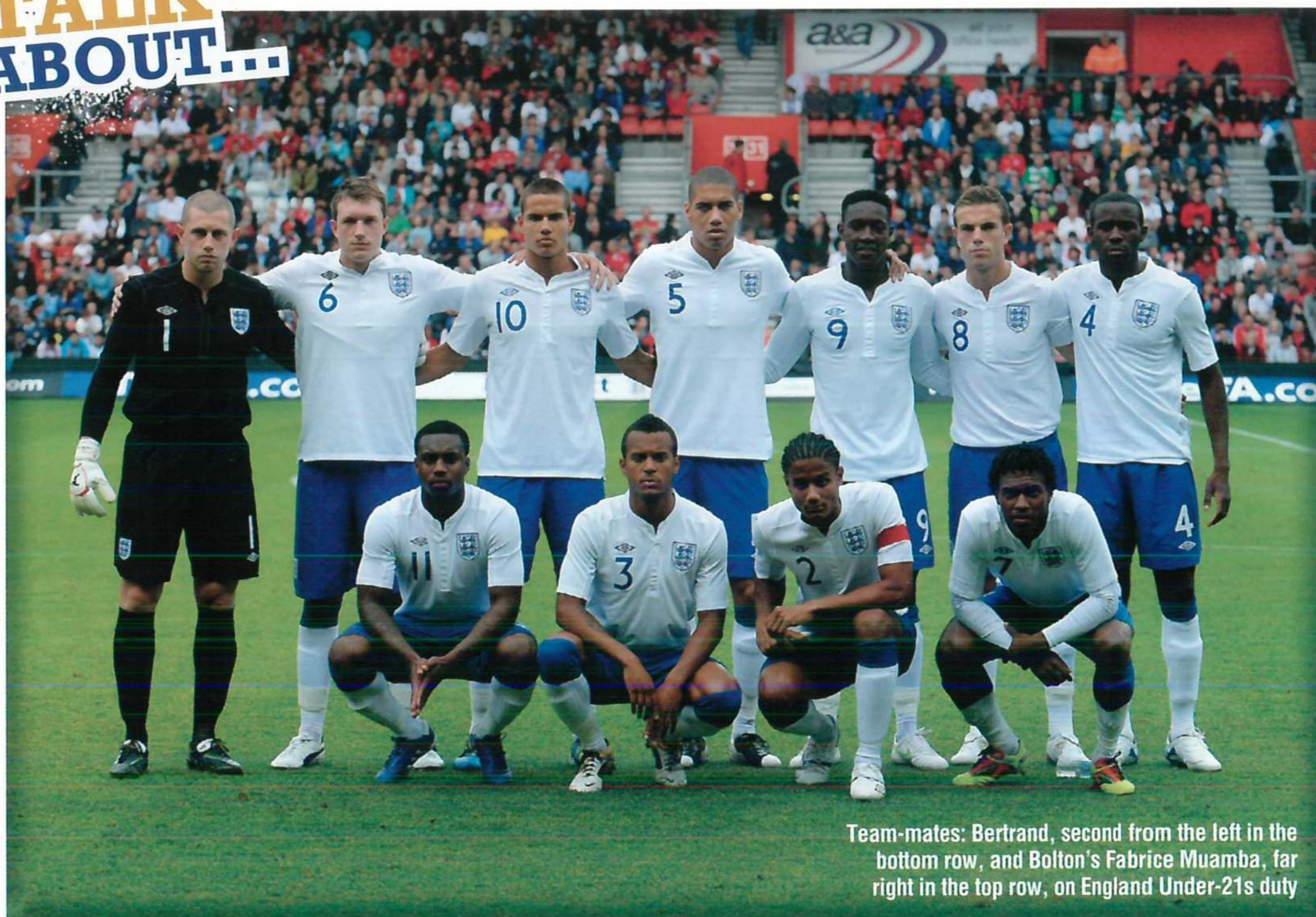
...Gary Cahill's old club

RB We're playing against Gary Cahill's former club, Bolton, today. However, he hasn't really talked about them much because we have had three games in a week and we've been really busy preparing for each match.

We concentrated on trying to beat Birmingham and Napoli and our attention only turned to Bolton fully after that. It's important we get back to winning ways today.



LET'S TALK ABOUT...



Team-mates: Bertrand, second from the left in the bottom row, and Bolton's Fabrice Muamba, far right in the top row, on England Under-21s duty

“
I know Fabrice Muamba from Bolton well, as we've played together a lot in the Under-21s. There's a young lad called Tope Obadeyi there, too

...Old friends

RB I've played quite a few times with a couple of the Bolton players from my time with the various age groups in the England set-up. I know Fabrice Muamba well, as we've played together a lot in the Under-21s. There's a young lad called Tope Obadeyi there, too. I've played for England with him at other ages, but he's been out on loan for a lot of this season.

Learning the ropes: Bertrand has made seven first team appearances after impressing during spells out on loan



...Loan advice

RB A few of my team-mates have gone to other clubs on loan for the second half of the season, and that's a situation I know well myself. My advice to them is just try to go and play your own game and use the experience you get there.

When you do have good times on loan it's important to enjoy them. But, even when you have the bad times – because it's inevitable that as a young player you will make a few mistakes at some point – remember that playing on loan is a learning experience. It's important you learn from the mistakes you make now to make you a better player in the future.



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away days



Stadium: The Hawthorns

Capacity: 26,272

Highest all-time attendance: 64,815

West Brom 3-1 Arsenal, 06.03.1937

Opened: 1900

First game: West Brom 1-1 Derby, 03.09.1900

Pitch Size: 105 x 68 metres

HOW TO GET THERE

BY CAR

Take the M40 towards Birmingham from Junction 16 of the M25. At Junction 3A, keep right and merge on to the M42. Then, branch left for the M5 for the North West after around 15km. Take the fourth exit at Junction 1 for the A41 to Birmingham. The stadium should be visible from the motorway exit on your right.

BY TRAIN

The 10.30am train from London Marylebone to Birmingham Moor Street is the most direct route, but is the only one that morning. From Moor Street, you can get a train straight to The Hawthorns station at the stadium.

Alternatively, trains leave London Euston for Birmingham New Street or Birmingham International. You then need to take a local train service to either Smethwick Galton Bridge or Snow Hill, which operate services to the Hawthorns. All three journeys take just over two hours.



Standing tall: WBA's ground, The Hawthorns

DID YOU KNOW...

The Hawthorns is located higher up than that of any of the other 92 Premier League and Football League clubs, sitting 168 metres above sea level.

CLASSIC ENCOUNTER

30.10.2004 Premier League

West Brom 1 *Gera*

Chelsea 4 *Gallas, Gudjohnsen, Duff, Lampard*

By the end of this game, Chelsea fans were beginning to believe this could be their year to win the championship for the first time since 1955, as the Blues finished the day joint-top with Arsenal.

Chelsea went ahead just before the break, when John Terry met Frank Lampard's stoppage-time corner and William Gallas diverted the ball in. But Chelsea upped their game in the second half and Eidur Gudjohnsen soon headed home Damien Duff's low cross.

Zoltan Gera pounced on a rebound to get one back for the home side, but the two-goal advantage was soon restored when Lampard ran 40 yards before setting up Duff.

There was still time for Lamps to get a goal himself, too, thanks to a trademark low drive from 25 yards.



>> AWAY PUB

There aren't many pubs open to away fans around The Hawthorns, but there are many options around the town centre nearer to the M5. The Vine on Roebuck Street is recommended for away fans as it has parking within walking distance from the ground and allows children, with a playground in the back. It also does a range of Indian food and a tandoori barbecue on Saturdays. A little closer are the Park Inn hotel and Royal Oak.



awaystats

Chelsea record at West Brom:

Played 61, won 22, drawn 16, lost 23

League: Played 55, won 21, drawn 13, lost 21

FA Cup: Played 4, won 1, drawn 1, lost 2

League Cup: Played 1, drawn 1

Full Members' Cup: Played 1, drawn 1

Biggest victory at West Brom:

West Brom 1-4 Chelsea, 30.10.2004



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Loyalty Points 3 | Category B

Tickets are now on general sale.

Disabled supporters ticket information:
Tickets are now on sale to match members.



Loyalty Points 1 | Category A

Season-ticket holders and members can purchase an extra two tickets (maximum of three in total).

Disabled supporters ticket information:
Tickets are now on sale to match members.



Loyalty Points 1 | Category AA | Live on Sky

SOLD OUT

Disabled supporters ticket information:
Tickets are now on sale to match members.



Loyalty Points 3 | Category B

Ticket sales for this match will be as follows:

Monday 27 February to Sunday 4 March until 2pm: Members can purchase one ticket.

Monday 5 March to Sunday 11 March until 2pm: Season-ticket holders and members can purchase an extra two tickets (maximum of three in total).

Monday 12 March: Tickets will go on general sale (maximum of four tickets per person).

Disabled supporters ticket information:
Tickets will go on sale to match members from Monday 27 February.

AWAY MATCH TICKET INFORMATION



Loyalty Points 3

SOLD OUT

Disabled supporters ticket information:
SOLD OUT



FA CUP FIFTH-ROUND REPLAY
BIRMINGHAM CITY
TUESDAY 6 MARCH, KICK-OFF 7.45PM

Loyalty Points 5 | Live on ITV1

Monday 27 February until 5pm: Season-ticket holders can purchase one ticket.

Tuesday 28 February until 5pm: Members can purchase one ticket.

Wednesday 29 February: Season-ticket holders and members can purchase extra tickets (maximum of three tickets in total).

Ticket prices: Tickets for this match are priced as follows:

Adults	£20.00
Students (Under 22 in full-time education, ID required at turnstile on day of the match)	£13.00
Juniors (under 19s)	£13.00
Juniors (under 13s)	£7.00
Seniors (over 65)	£13.00

We have received an allocation of 3,000 tickets.

Travel details: Coaches will depart Stamford Bridge at 14.30pm and from Newport Pagnell at 15.50pm. Coach tickets will be priced at £25.

Disabled supporters ticket information:
Tickets will go on sale from Monday 27 February to season-ticket holders. Any remaining tickets will go on sale to members from Tuesday 28 February.



Loyalty Points 1 | Live on Sky

• Please note this match will be postponed should we progress to the FA Cup quarter-finals.

Tickets are now on sale to season-ticket holders (one ticket per person).

Monday 27 February: Tickets will be sold to members on a loyalty point basis.

Monday 5 March to Sunday 11 March until 2pm: Members and season-ticket holders can purchase extra tickets (maximum of three tickets in total).

Please visit the website for the latest loyalty point information.

Ticket prices: Tickets for this match are priced as follows:

Upper Tier	
Adults	£48
Juniors (under 16s)	£25
Seniors (over 65)	£39

Lower Tier	
Adults	£46
Juniors (under 16s)	£25
Seniors (over 65)	£37

We have received an allocation of 2,747 tickets

Travel details: Coaches will depart Stamford Bridge at 12.30pm and from Newport Pagnell at 2pm. Coach tickets will be priced at £31.

Disabled supporters ticket information:
Tickets are now on sale to season-ticket holders. Any remaining tickets will be sold to members from Monday 27 February on a loyalty point basis. Tickets are £37, with personal assistant attending free of charge.

TICKET INFORMATION

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PRICES CATEGORY AA GAMES

AREA	ADULT MEMBER	ADULT GEN SALE	JUVENILE/SNR CITIZEN MEMBER	JUVENILE/SNR CITIZEN GEN SALE
East Upper	£64	£69	£25	£27.50
East Lower Family Centre	£45	£50	£17	£19.50
West Lower	£64	£69	N/A	N/A
West Upper	£82	£87	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Upper	£59	£64	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Lower	£56	£61	N/A	N/A
Shed Upper	£59	£64	N/A	N/A
Shed Lower	£56	£61	N/A	N/A
Shed Lower Away Visitors	N/A	£56	N/A	£25
Shed Upper Away Visitors	N/A	£59	N/A	£25
Restricted View	£46 East Upper and £23.50 Matthew Harding Lower			

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE TICKET
PRICES CATEGORY A GAMES

AREA	ADULT MEMBER	ADULT GEN SALE	JUVENILE/SNR CITIZEN MEMBER	JUVENILE/SNR CITIZEN GEN SALE
East Upper	£56	£61	£23	£26
East Lower Family Centre	£41	£46	£15.50	£18
West Lower	£56	£61	N/A	N/A
West Upper	£70	£75	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Upper	£55	£60	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Lower	£52	£57	N/A	N/A
Shed Upper	£55	£60	N/A	N/A
Shed Lower	£52	£57	N/A	N/A
Shed Lower Away Visitors	N/A	£52	N/A	£23.50
Shed Upper Away Visitors	N/A	£55	N/A	£23.50
Restricted View	£46 East Upper and £23.50 Matthew Harding Lower			

BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE TICKET
PRICES CATEGORY B GAMES

AREA	ADULT MEMBER	ADULT GEN SALE	JUVENILE/SNR CITIZEN MEMBER	JUVENILE/SNR CITIZEN GEN SALE
East Upper	£51	£56	£23.50	£26
East Lower Family Centre	£36	£41	£15.50	£18
West Lower	£51	£56	N/A	N/A
West Upper	£65	£70	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Upper	£50	£55	N/A	N/A
Matthew Harding Lower	£47	£52	N/A	N/A
Shed Upper	£50	£55	N/A	N/A
Shed Lower	£47	£52	N/A	N/A
Shed Lower Away Visitors	N/A	£47	N/A	£23.50
Shed Upper Away Visitors	N/A	£50	N/A	£23.50
Restricted View	£46 East Upper and £23.50 Matthew Harding Lower			

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General box office opening hours for personal callers are as follows:

Monday to Friday	9.00am – 5.00pm
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Matchday Sundays 4pm kick off	10.00am – half-time
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On home matchdays, ticket sales/collections for all other matches (excluding the match played on that day) will not be available less than two hours before kick-off. This is to assist supporters with collections and enquiries for that particular match.

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BARCLAYS PREMIER LEAGUE 2011/12

Team	Pld	HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1 Man City	25	12	0	0	37	6	7	3	3	27	13	+45	60
2 Man Utd	25	10	1	2	37	15	8	3	1	24	10	+36	58
3 Tottenham	25	10	2	1	29	10	6	3	3	20	15	+24	53
4 Arsenal	25	8	2	2	24	9	5	2	6	24	26	+13	43
5 Chelsea	25	7	2	3	27	19	5	5	3	17	12	+13	43
6 Newcastle	25	7	3	2	18	12	5	3	5	18	24	0	42
7 Liverpool	25	4	8	0	14	8	6	1	6	15	15	+6	39
8 Norwich	25	5	4	3	19	15	4	4	5	18	26	-4	35
9 Sunderland	25	5	4	4	20	13	4	2	6	14	13	+8	33
10 Everton	25	5	3	5	14	13	4	3	5	12	14	-1	33
11 Swansea	25	5	6	2	18	10	2	3	7	10	22	-4	30
12 Fulham	25	6	4	3	24	19	1	5	6	7	17	-5	30
13 Stoke	25	4	4	4	15	14	4	2	7	9	24	-14	30
14 West Brom	25	2	2	8	9	16	6	3	4	20	19	-6	29
15 Aston Villa	25	3	4	6	14	17	3	6	3	15	17	-5	28
16 QPR	25	2	4	6	13	20	3	2	8	14	24	-17	21
17 Blackburn	25	4	0	9	19	26	1	6	5	18	30	-19	21
18 Wolves	25	3	2	8	17	28	2	4	6	11	21	-21	21
19 Bolton	25	2	2	9	15	27	4	0	8	14	24	-22	20
20 Wigan	25	1	5	6	11	22	3	2	8	12	28	-27	19

Table correct up to and including 12.02.12

PLAYER STATISTICS 2011/12

Substitute appearances in brackets. Assist = Crucial part played in goal.

PLAYER	Age	APPEARANCES					GOALS/CLEANSHEETS					OTHERS			CFC Apps	CFC goals/ cleansheets
		Prem	FAC	UCL	LC	Total	Prem	FAC	UCL	LC	Total	Assists	Booked	Sent Off		
Alex [*]	29	3	0	0(3)	3	6(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	115(19)	10
Anelka ^{**}	32	3(6)	0	2(2)	1(1)	6(9)	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	145(39)	59
Benayoun [*]	31	0(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3(8)	1
Bertrand	22	0(1)	1(1)	0	3	4(2)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4(3)	0
Bosingwa	29	20(2)	1	6	1	28(2)	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	1	103(10)	3
Cahill	26	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Cech	29	23	3	7	1(1)	34(1)	6	2	3	1	12	0	0	0	347(1)	171
Cole	31	24	2	5(1)	0	31(1)	0	0	0	0	0	9	7	1	236(9)	6
Drogba	33	11(4)	0(1)	3	0	14(5)	3	0	3	0	6	4	1	1	263(62)	150
Essien	29	2(3)	0(1)	0(1)	0	2(5)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	209(26)	25
Ferreira	33	1(2)	0	0(1)	1	2(3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162(44)	2
Hilario	36	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35(4)	16(2)
Ivanovic	28	16(3)	2	6	1	25(3)	0	0	1	0	1	2	6	0	129(14)	10
Kalou	26	2(2)	0(1)	0(2)	2	4(5)	1	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	135(102)	58
Lampard	33	18(3)	1(1)	3(3)	1(1)	23(8)	9	1	1	0	11	5	5	0	507(33)	181
D Luiz	24	13	3	7	3	26	1	0	1	0	2	2	9	0	37(1)	4
Lukaku	18	0(6)	0(1)	0	3	3(7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3(7)	0
Malouda	31	6(12)	2	5(2)	3	16(14)	1	0	0	0	1	6	4	0	168(48)	43
Mata	23	22(1)	3	5(1)	0(1)	30(3)	5	2	2	0	9	15	2	0	30(3)	9
McEachran [#]	18	0(2)	0	0	3	3(2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7(15)	0
Meireles	28	17(4)	3	6(1)	0	26(5)	1	0	1	0	2	4	11	0	26(5)	2
Mikel	24	10(4)	1	2(2)	0(1)	13(7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	178(44)	2
Ramires	24	19	3	5	0(1)	27(1)	4	2	2	0	8	2	5	0	60(9)	10
Romeu	20	9(5)	0(2)	3	3	15(7)	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	15(7)	0
Sturridge	22	18(1)	2	4(1)	1(1)	25(3)	9	1	0	1	11	8	3	0	35(34)	20
Terry	31	22	2	3	0(1)	27(1)	4	0	0	0	4	2	8	0	510(21)	46
Torres	27	13(7)	3	4(1)	1	21(8)	2	0	2	0	4	12	5	1	32(15)	5
Turnbull	27	0	0	0	2(1)	2(1)	0	0	0	0(1)	0(1)	0	0	1	8(2)	0(2)

Correct up to and including 22.02.12

*On a season-long loan at Arsenal. **Now with Shanghai Shenhua.
#On loan at Swansea. ^Now with Paris Saint-Germain.

Frank Lampard's next strike will be his 150th league goal in his career and 149th in the Premier League (Chelsea 124, West Ham 24, Swansea 1).

One more goal will take Frank past another legend, Jimmy Greaves, as our third highest league scorer in the top flight ever, with 125.

Didier Drogba needs a brace to achieve 100 Premier League goals for the Blues and become the first African to reach that milestone.

2011/12 SEASON SUMMARY (ALL COMPETITIONS)

Pld	W	D	L	F	A	CS	FS
38	18	11	9	66	42	12	6

CS - Clean sheets, FS - Failed to score

2011/12 MINUTES ON PITCH 3,699

Cech **3,262**, Cole **2,969**, Terry **2,665**, Mata **2,637**, Ivanovic **2,520**, Bosingwa **2,495**, D Luiz **2,491**, Ramires **2,439**, Meireles **2,398**, Lampard **2,182**, Sturridge **2,169**, Torres **1,970**, Malouda **1,808**, Romeu **1,501**, Drogba **1,323**, Mikel **1,279**, Anelka **826**, Alex **595**, Bertrand **474**, Kalou **465**, Lukaku **380**, Ferreira **327**, Cahill **286**, Essien **262**, Turnbull **237**, Hilario **199**, McEachran **180**, Benayoun **7**.

2011/12 CHELSEA GOLDEN BOOT 146

Goals scored in first, reserve and youth team competitive games.

Feruz **11**, Lampard **11**, Sturridge **11**, Mata **9**, Ramires **8**, Kiwomya **7**, Drogba **6**, Lalkovic **6**, Lukaku **5**, Seremba **5**, Baker **4**, Chalobah **4**, Loftus-Cheek **4**, Piazon **4**, Swift **4**, Terry **4**, Torres **4**, own goals **4**, Kalou **3**, Kane **3**, Affane **2**, Ake **2**, Howard **2**, D Luiz **2**, Meireles **2**, Mellis **2**, Osmanovic **2**, Anelka **1**, Bamford **1**, Bertrand **1**, Bosingwa **1**, B Clifford **1**, Djalo **1**, Ivanovic **1**, Malouda **1**, McEachran **1**, Mitchell **1**, Mitrovic **1**, Nditi **1**, Phillip **1**, Prosenik **1**, Van Aanholt **1**.

GAMES AS CHELSEA CAPTAIN

Terry **405**, Lampard **51**, Drogba **7**, Cech **6**, Cole **1**, Malouda **1**.

CHELSEA CAREER LEAGUE APPEARANCES

Lampard **355(10)**, Terry **351(13)**, Cech **245**, Drogba **174(43)**, Cole **168(5)**, Essien **140(14)**, Mikel **123(29)**, Malouda **105(36)**, Ferreira **105(31)**, Kalou **89(59)**, Ivanovic **84(13)**, Bosingwa **75(9)**, Ramires **41(7)**, D Luiz **24(1)**, Mata **22(1)**, Torres **21(13)**, Sturridge **20(25)**, Hilario **18(2)**, Meireles **17(4)**, Romeu **9(5)**, Turnbull **2**, McEachran **1(10)**, Benayoun **1(7)**, Kakuta **1(5)**, Bruma **1(3)**, Cahill **1**, Lukaku **0(6)**, Bertrand **0(2)**, Van Aanholt **0(2)**. Substitute appearances in brackets.

CHELSEA CAREER LEAGUE GOALS

Lampard **124 (34 pens)**, Drogba **98 (4 pens)**, Kalou **36**, Malouda **34**, Terry **26**, Essien **17**, Sturridge **10**, Cole **6**, Ramires **6**, Ivanovic **5**, Mata **5**, Bosingwa **3**, D Luiz **3**, Torres **3**, Benayoun **1**, Meireles **1**.

Stats compiled by Paul Dutton.

FIXTURES & RESULTS 2011/12

Date	Opposition		Res	Att	Pts	Pos	Line-up								
August															
Sun 14	Stoke City	A	0-0	27,421	1	11	Cech	Bosingwa	Alex	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Lampard	Kalou
Sat 20	West Bromwich Albion	H	2-1	41,091	4	6	Hilario	Bosingwa	Alex	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Lampard	Anelka 1
Sat 27	Norwich City	H	3-1	41,765	7	4	Hilario	Bosingwa 1	Ivanovic	Terry(c)	Cole	Mikel	Ramires	Lampard 1	Malouda
September															
Sat 10	Sunderland	A	2-1	36,699	10	3	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c) 1	Cole	Ramires	Meireles	Lampard	Sturridge 1
Tue 13	Bayer Leverkusen (UCL Group E)	H	2-0	33,820	-	-	Cech(c)	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	D Luiz 1	Cole	Meireles	Mikel	Malouda	Sturridge
Sun 18	Manchester United	A	1-3	75,455	10	3	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Meireles	Lampard	Sturridge
Wed 21	Fulham (CC3)	H	0-0*	37,632	-	-	Cech(c)	Ferreira	Alex	D Luiz	Bertrand	McEachran	Romeu	Malouda	Sturridge
Sat 24	Swansea City	H	4-1	41,800	13	3	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires 2	Mikel	Meireles	Anelka
Wed 28	Valencia (UCL Group E)	A	1-1	33,791	-	-	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Lampard 1	Mata
October															
Sun 2	Bolton Wanderers	A	5-1	24,657	16	3	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Meireles	Lampard 3	Sturridge 2
Sat 15	Everton	H	3-1	41,789	19	3	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c) 1	Cole	Ramires 1	Mikel	Lampard	Sturridge 1
Wed 19	KRC Genk (UCL Group E)	H	5-0	38,518	-	-	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic 1	D Luiz	Cole	Meireles 1	Romeu	Lampard(c)	Anelka
Sun 23	Queens Park Rangers	A	0-1	18,050	19	3	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Meireles	Mikel	Lampard	Sturridge
Wed 26	Everton (CC4)	A	2-1^	23,170	-	-	Turnbull	Ivanovic	Alex	D Luiz	Bertrand	McEachran	Romeu	Malouda(c)	Anelka
Sat 29	Arsenal	H	3-5	41,801	19	4	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c) 1	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Lampard 1	Sturridge
November															
Tue 1	KRC Genk (UCL Group E)	A	1-1	22,584	-	-	Cech(c)	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Cole	Ramires 1	Romeu	Meireles	Anelka
Sat 5	Blackburn Rovers	A	1-0	21,985	22	4	Cech	Ivanovic	Alex	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Lampard 1	Malouda
Sun 20	Liverpool	H	1-2	41,820	22	5	Cech	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Lampard	Mata
Wed 23	Bayer Leverkusen (UCL Group E)	A	1-2	29,285	-	-	Cech	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Bosingwa	Ramires	Meireles	Sturridge	Lampard
Sat 26	Wolverhampton Wanderers	H	3-0	41,648	25	5	Cech	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Terry(c) 1	Cole	Ramires	Romeu	Meireles	Sturridge 1
Tue 29	Liverpool (CC QF)	H	0-2	40,511	-	-	Turnbull	Bosingwa	Alex	D Luiz	Bertrand	Romeu	Lampard(c)	Malouda	McEachran
December															
Sat 3	Newcastle United	A	3-0	52,305	28	4	Cech	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Romeu	Lampard	Sturridge 1
Tue 6	Valencia (UCL Group E)	H	3-0	41,109	-	-	Cech	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires 1	Romeu	Meireles	Sturridge
Mon 12	Manchester City	H	2-1	41,730	31	3	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Romeu	Meireles 1	Sturridge
Sat 17	Wigan Athletic	A	1-1	18,320	32	4	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c)	Cole	Meireles	Romeu	Lampard	Sturridge 1
Thu 22	Tottenham Hotspur	A	1-1	36,141	33	4	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Mikel	Meireles	Sturridge 1
Mon 26	Fulham	H	1-1	41,548	34	4	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Meireles	Romeu	Lampard	Sturridge
Sat 31	Aston Villa	H	1-3	41,332	34	5	Cech	Ferreira	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Romeu	Meireles	Sturridge
January															
Mon 2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	A	2-1	27,049	37	4	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Meireles	Romeu	Lampard 1	Ramires 1
Sun 8	Portsmouth (FAC3)	H	4-0	41,529	-	-	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires 2	Meireles	Lampard 1	Mata 1
Sat 14	Sunderland	H	1-0	41,696	40	4	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Meireles	Romeu	Lampard 1	Ramires
Sat 21	Norwich City	A	0-0	26,792	41	4	Cech	Bosingwa	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Meireles	Lampard	Sturridge
Sat 28	Queens Park Rangers (FAC4)	A	1-0	15,728	-	-	Cech	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Terry(c)	Cole	Ramires	Meireles	Malouda	Sturridge
Tue 31	Swansea City	A	+1-1	20,526	42	4	Cech(c)	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Cole	Meireles	Romeu	Malouda	Sturridge
February															
Sun 5	Manchester United	H	+3-3	41,668	43	4	Cech(c)	Ivanovic	Cahill	D Luiz 1	Bosingwa	Essien	Meireles	Sturridge	Mata 1
Sat 11	Everton	A	0-2	33,924	43	5	Cech	Bosingwa	Ivanovic	D Luiz	Cole	Meireles	Essien	Lampard(c)	Sturridge
Sat 18	Birmingham City (FAC5)	H	1-1	36,870	-	-	Cech(c)	Ivanovic	Cahill	D Luiz	Bertrand	Ramires	Mikel	Meireles	Sturridge 1
Tue 21	Napoli (UCL Rd of 16)	A	1-3	52,495	-	-	Cech	Ivanovic	Cahill	D Luiz	Bosingwa	Ramires	Meireles	Sturridge	Mata 1
Sat 25	Bolton Wanderers	H													
March															
Sat 3	West Bromwich Albion	A													
Tue 6	Birmingham City (FAC5 Replay, 7.45pm)	A													
Sat 10	Stoke City	H													
Wed 14	Napoli (UCL Rd of 16, 7.45pm)	H													
Sat 17	FA Cup 6th round	-													
Mon 19	Manchester City (8pm) Sky	A													
Sat 24	Tottenham Hotspur (12.45pm) Sky	H													
27/28	UCL QF 1st leg	-													
Sat 31	Aston Villa	A													
April															
3/4	UCL QF 2nd leg	-													
Sat 7	Wigan Athletic	H													
Mon 9	Fulham (8pm) Sky	A													
Sat 14	Newcastle United	H													
14/15	FA Cup semi-final (Wembley)	-													
17/18	UCL SF 1st leg	-													
Sat 21	Arsenal (12.45pm) Sky	A													
24/25	UCL SF 2nd leg	-													
Sun 29	Queens Park Rangers (1.30pm) Sky	H													
May															
Sat 5	Liverpool	A													
Sat 5	FA Cup Final (Wembley)	-													
Sun 13	Blackburn Rovers	H													
Sat 19	UCL Final (Munich)	-													

All games kick off at 3pm unless stated. Fixtures subject to change. Chelsea score shown first.

*Chelsea won 4-3 on penalties after extra time. ^ After extra time. Own goals: Taylor, Swansea (a), Evans, Man Utd (h).

Key: Goalscorers in **Bold** ■ First sub ■ Second sub ■ Third sub ■ Yellow card ■ Red card + Own goal

Substitutes

Torres ■	Malouda ■	Ivanovic	Ferreira	Benayoun ■	McEachran	Drogba ■	Anelka ■	Hilario
Torres ■	Kalou ■	Ivanovic ■	Ferreira	Benayoun	McEachran	Malouda 1 ■	Drogba ■	Turnbull
Drogba ■	Torres ■	Ferreira	Alex	McEachran	Mata 1 ■	Lukaku ■	Anelka ■	Turnbull
Anelka ■	Mata ■	D Luiz	Malouda ■	McEachran	Romeu ■	Torres ■	Kalou	Hilario
Torres ■	Mata 1	Ferreira	Alex ■	Lampard ■	McEachran	Anelka ■	Kalou	Hilario
Torres 1	Mata	D Luiz	Mikel ■	Romeu	Malouda	Anelka ■	Lukaku ■	Turnbull
Lukaku	Kalou	Terry ■	Bosingwa	Lampard ■	Mikel	Mata	Drogba	Turnbull ■
Torres 1 ■	Mata ■	D Luiz	Lampard	McEachran ■	Malouda ■	Kalou	Drogba 1 ■	Turnbull
Torres ■	Malouda ■	Ivanovic	Meireles ■	Romeu	Drogba	Anelka ■	Kalou ■	Turnbull
Drogba	Mata ■	Ivanovic ■	Mikel ■	Romeu	Malouda	Anelka ■	Lukaku	Turnbull
Drogba	Mata ■	Alex	Meireles	Romeu ■	Malouda ■	Anelka ■	Lukaku	Turnbull
Torres 2	Malouda	Alex ■	Ferreira ■	Mikel	Mata	Sturridge	Kalou 1 ■	Turnbull
Drogba ■	Mata ■	Ivanovic ■	Romeu	McEachran	Malouda ■	Kalou	Anelka ■	Turnbull
Lukaku ■	Kalou 1 ■	Ferreira	Mikel ■	Lampard	Mata	Sturridge 1 ■	Torres	Cech ■
Torres	Mata 1	D Luiz	Bertrand	Romeu	Malouda ■	Meireles ■	Lukaku ■	Blackman
Torres	Malouda	Terry	Lampard ■	McEachran	Mata ■	Sturridge ■	Kalou	Turnbull
Sturridge ■	Mata ■	Bosingwa	Romeu ■	Meireles ■	Torres ■	Kalou	Lukaku	Turnbull
Drogba ■	Malouda	Bosingwa	Romeu	Meireles ■	Torres ■	Sturridge 1 ■	Anelka	Turnbull
Mata ■	Drogba 1	Alex ■	Mikel ■	McEachran	Malouda ■	Torres	Kalou	Turnbull
Drogba ■	Mata 1	Bosingwa ■	Mikel	Lampard ■	Malouda	Torres ■	Kalou	Turnbull
Lukaku ■	Torres	Ivanovic	Ferreira	Ramires ■	Mata ■	Anelka ■	Kalou	Hilario
Drogba 1 ■	Mata ■	Bosingwa	Bertrand	Meireles ■	Malouda	Torres ■	Kalou 1 ■	Turnbull
Drogba 2 ■	Mata ■	Ferreira	Mikel ■	Lampard	Malouda ■	Torres ■	Kalou	Turnbull
Drogba ■	Mata ■	Ferreira	Mikel ■	Lampard 1 ■	Malouda ■	Torres	Kalou	Turnbull
Drogba	Mata ■	Ferreira	Mikel ■	McEachran	Malouda ■	Torres	Kalou ■	Turnbull
Drogba ■	Mata	Ferreira ■	Romeu ■	Lampard	Malouda	Torres ■	Kalou	Turnbull
Torres	Mata 1	Ferreira ■	McEachran	Malouda ■	Drogba ■	Kalou	Lukaku	Turnbull
Drogba 1	Mata	Bosingwa ■	Lampard ■	Hutchinson	Malouda	Torres ■	Kalou	Turnbull
Torres	Mata ■	Ferreira	Bertrand	Chalobah	McEachran ■	Hutchinson	Lukaku	Turnbull
Torres ■	Malouda ■	Ferreira	Bertrand ■	Romeu ■	McEachran	Hutchinson	Lukaku ■	Turnbull
Torres ■	Mata ■	Bertrand	Hutchinson	Malouda ■	Essien ■	Sturridge	Lukaku	Turnbull
Torres ■	Mata	Ivanovic	Bertrand	Romeu	Essien ■	Malouda ■	Lukaku ■	Turnbull
Torres	Mata 1 ■	Bosingwa	Cahill	Bertrand	Romeu ■	Essien ■	Lukaku	Turnbull
Torres	Mata	Ferreira	Cahill	Bertrand	Essien ■	Piazon	Lukaku ■	Turnbull
Malouda	Torres ■	Ferreira	Hutchinson	Bertrand	Romeu ■	Piazon	Lukaku	Turnbull
Torres ■	Mata ■	Ferreira	Cahill	Bertrand ■	Mikel	Malouda ■	Lukaku ■	Turnbull
Torres ■	Mata ■	Bosingwa	Essien	Malouda	Lampard ■	Drogba ■	Kalou ■	Hilario
Malouda ■	Drogba(c)	Cole ■	Mikel	Essien ■	Lampard ■	Torres	Kalou	Turnbull

REF WATCH MICHAEL OLIVER



2011/12 PREMIER LEAGUE:

Games officiated: 14

Yellow cards: 34

Red cards: 4

Most cards in a game: 8

Michael Oliver has been selected to referee today's game, which will be his first assignment involving the Blues in his second full season as a Premier League official.

Born in Northumberland, he became the top-flight's youngest referee when he made his debut in August 2010, beating the previous mark set by Stuart Atwell. In fact, Oliver had already written his name in the record books by then as the youngest man to take charge of a game at the new Wembley Stadium.

Once on the books of Newcastle United as a schoolboy, Oliver is not the only member of his family to take the whistle – his father, Clive, is also a full-time referee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE BE SEATED

Persistent standing is an offence under the Ground Regulations and as such, should supporters stand the club may have imposed upon it a reduction in capacity in the areas where it occurs. Persistent standing on match days is an increasing issue, particularly in the Matthew Harding Lower tier. We understand that supporters will stand at times of excitement and this is acceptable - but persistent standing does cause distress and discomfort to others. We urge you to respect your fellow supporters in this regard.

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Please remember not to leave bags or packages unattended anywhere in or around the stadium. For security reasons any found have to be investigated and will be removed causing inconvenience and disruption to all. If at all possible, we would also urge you not to bring large bags or rucksacks to the game as these need to be searched as a security measure, slowing up entry to the ground.

NO SMOKING

A reminder to all fans that smoking is not permitted anywhere within the stadium at Stamford Bridge. The smoking of electronic cigarettes is also forbidden. Any person in breach of these rules will be ejected.

HALF-TIME QUIZ

1. Who scored a hat-trick in Chelsea's 5-1 win at the Reebok Stadium in October?
2. Petr Cech has made 14 appearances against Bolton during his time with the Blues. How many goals has he conceded against them?
3. Chelsea's 2-0 win over Bolton in the final game of the 1997/98 season condemned the Trotters to relegation. Which club stayed up at their expense?
4. Who was the last Chelsea manager to lose a game against Bolton Wanderers?

(Answers bottom of page 73)

Penalty scorers: Lampard 2, Drogba 1, Mata 1. Penalty saves: Cech 1, Turnbull 1.
Penalty shoot-out scorers: Kalou 1, D Luiz 1, Malouda 1, Terry 1. Penalty shoot-out saves: Turnbull 1.

HALF-TIME QUIZ ANSWERS:
1. Frank Lampard 2. Nine 3. Everton
4. Claudio Ranieri (in December 2003)



THE LAST WORD
johnny vaughan



It's important to be upbeat and always get behind the team

I have been coming in for a bit of stick from some fans at the ground and in the pub for my programme column lately. And the reason? Certain people have been having a go at me for the positive nature of my words and complaining that my views are always upbeat.

Well, firstly, this is a publication targeted directly at supporters who will be reading it in the stands, probably shortly before kick-off. Therefore, what I write is obviously

not going to focus on negativity.

Secondly, while I may be optimistic, it certainly isn't blind optimism. I get as frustrated as the next fan when we lose a game I feel we should have won or we see a refereeing decision go against us. I've been coming to the Bridge since 1971 – I love this club and always want us to do well.

But, because I have been a supporter for so long, I have seen much worse than this current blip we

are going through. In comparison to the dark days of the late Seventies and Eighties, lying fifth in the top flight at this stage of the season is not too worrying.

However, I realise things are vastly different at the club now, mainly with the calibre of player on show, and that is the very reason I remain upbeat.

While results of late have been disappointing, every time I come to a game and hear the names being read out, I know what the players are capable of doing. The experienced ones who have been with us for a long time have proved it in a blue shirt time and time again, while the less experienced ones or newer arrivals clearly have bags of ability.

So, I would just like to say to the doubters that, while I may be painting a rosy picture, there is a serious rationale behind it. That is, whatever has happened over the last few weeks results-wise, we clearly have immense quality in our squad and can improve.

We are still in the FA Cup and the Champions League and, I believe, we will come good in the league to at least make sure we secure our place among Europe's elite next season by finishing in the top four.

This is our club, the players work for it and we are all like one family in that respect. If things are going to improve, they need our support, not the opposite.

And that is why my glass will remain half full.

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While I may be optimistic, it certainly isn't blind optimism. I love this club and always want it to do well



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David Luiz	4	●
Michael Essien	5	●
Oriol Romeu	6	●
Ramires	7	●
Frank Lampard	8	●
Fernando Torres	9	●
Juan Mata	10	●
Didier Drogba	11	●
John Mikel Obi	12	●
Florent Malouda	15	●
Raul Meireles	16	●
José Bosingwa	17	●
Romelu Lukaku	18	●
Paulo Ferreira	19	●
Salomon Kalou	21	●
Ross Turnbull	22	●
Daniel Sturridge	23	●
Gary Cahill	24	●
John Terry	26	●
Sam Hutchinson	27	●
Ryan Bertrand	34	●
Lucas Piazon	35	●
Henrique Hilario	40	●
Nathaniel Chalobah	45	●
Jamal Blackman	46	●



Manager:
Owen Coyle

1	Adam Bogdan
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25	Dedryck Boyata
26	Rob Lainton
27	Lee Chung-Yong
29	Marvin Sordell
30	Ryo Miyaichi
31	David Wheeler
32	Tim Ream
36	Michael O'Halloran
37	Joshua Vela
39	Joe Riley
43	Jay Lynch

Other Barclays Premier League Fixtures Saturday 25 February

Newcastle United v Wolverhampton Wanderers (3pm)
Queens Park Rangers v Fulham (3pm)
West Bromwich Albion v Sunderland (3pm)
Wigan Athletic v Aston Villa (3pm)
Manchester City v Blackburn Rovers (5.30pm)

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Next Home Match

Saturday 10 March
Barclays Premier League
Stoke City (3pm)

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